U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/JUNE

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Mint of the U. States
Chief Coiner's office

J. Ross Snowden Esq. June 22 1855

Dear Sir

In reply to the request made by you on the 18 inst to be informed whether any of the following named employed in any department belong to the Know Nothings, or are opponents of the Democratic Party viz

Geo Hall. Chs W. Hall. Joseph Yeager Thomas Rowan. Geo Handers. Wm Long and John Adams.

I have to state that I have made a careful examination of the subjects in question and that the examination has convinced me that all of the above named persons except John Adams have been for years and now are consistent reliable Democrats. I enclose for your perusal letters from several Gentlemen of high standing in the Democratic Party certifying as to the character & politics of the above named persons.

with regard to the Political views of [illegible] I have not been able to ascertain any definite information except that he was a Whig.

I take this occasion to say that Mr. Wm. Hall and also Mr. Geo. W. Hall are two of the most capable, efficient men in my department. The former has been employed in the Mint for more than Twenty Five Years, during which time he has enjoyed the entire confidence of the officers of the Mint. Mr. Geo. W. Hall has special qualifications for the position he fills being well acquainted with Bullion Accounts and the details of my department, which qualifications together with his integrity and industry renders him of peculiar service to me, I may add that he is the only one in my department competent to take charge of Superintendent in case of my necessary absence by reason of sickness or otherwise, the public interests and my own security require that my Clerk and the foreman of the adjusting, weighing and counting rooms, should not only be men of uncompromising integrity but that they should possess special qualifications

Respectfully submitted by
Chs. R. Chiles
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

(Copy)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June ~~9th~~ 21st 1855.

My dear General:

At the request of Brevet Lieut. General Scott I have caused, to be struck, several copies in bronze of the public medals heretofore voted to that distinguished soldier for his services in the war of 1812 with Great Britain, and the late war with Mexico.

In a letter I have received from the General this morning he says "I am greatly obliged to you for causing the copies of my medals to be struck for me. May I beg you to present two of them — copies of the Mexican Medals — to my friend General Patterson, who contributed so much to the winning of them."

In compliance with this request I have the pleasure of sending you herewith the medals he has indicated.

I am with great regard
Very truly & respy
Jame Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Major General Patterson,
&c. &c.
Locust & 13th Streets.

June 21. 5.

My dear General:

I have your favor of yesterday, with the enclosure stated. I have sent by the Adams Express Company the 13 medals to your address, the receipt for the same I enclose herewith. As requested I will take an early opportunity of presenting in your name to General Patterson the two medals you indicate.

I hope the medals will reach safely and will be found to be executed to your satisfaction.

With the highest respect & esteem,

I am, Yours very truly,

James Ross Snowden.

Brevet Lieut. Genl. Scott
&c. &c.

New York.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
June 20th 1835.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion, commencing the 1st day of October and ending the 31st day of December 1834, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and the following balance found to be in the Mint, to wit:

Gold Bullion, Ozs	212.650.976	$3.956.297.02
Silver Bullion.	359.466480	418.288 08
Gold Coinage (including Assay Coins $1437)		54.952.94
Silver Coinage Do Do	365	585.174.34
		$5.014.712.38

You would oblige this Office, and greatly facilitate the examination and

adjustment of these Accounts by causing
the Abstracts to be paged and indexed as
was formerly the practice, and is now in
the Assay Office in Charleston.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller.

Depositary Office
Baltimore June 14th 1837.

Sir

I have this day placed in the hands of Messrs Adams & Co for collection Exchange Draft #1976 for the Sum of "Seventy Thousand" Dollars payable by you in Funds Dollars & cts.

You will oblige me by immediately the same to this office when it is convenient.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

Philip. F. Thomas.
Depositary.

Saml
Daniel Strickland Esq
Present
Philadelphia

New York June 20, 1853.

My dear Sir

For a week, I have been expecting to complete a visit to Philadelphia which being obliged to give up, must be my apology for not having earlier answered your kind letter of the 9th instant.

I am greatly obliged to you for causing the copies of my medals to be struck for me. May I beg you to present two of them — copies of the specimen medals — to my friend, Saml. Patterson, who contributed so much to the blessing of

ften! The ten thirteen please
send to me — Office, 114, bet. 11th
Street, by one of the express lines.

Inclosed you will find
my check for the cost to — $72.50

I must also thank you
for the Document containing your
Mint report of Jan. 30, 1855.

With great respect believe,
Yours very truly,
Winfield Scott.

Col. J. R. Snowden,
Dirc. for U. S. Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

June 18th 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co., as per receipt and my Statement inclosed, One box containing 1.471.35 Tr grs fine gold bars, of the Net Value of $ 30.016.99 payable in Gold Coins, and five boxes, containing 7.136.69 Tr grs of Unparted Silver of the Net Value of $ 8.070.78 payable in Silver dollars, which I will thank you to remit (the former Amount in Three dollar pieces) prior to the 30th inst: as it is desirable to have the Y/e Closed at the expiration of this quarter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 30 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

One Box containing 1691.37 Fine Gold Bullion.

Five " " 713.69 " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Note value to $ 38,057.77

Thirty eight Thousand & Eighty four

77/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at 3/4 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 18th 1855.

Wm Nott

Jno. Adams Express

Mint of the U. States
Phila.^a June 19. 18[illegible]

Dear Sir

The gold medal you ordered has been struck, and I have this day forwarded it to you by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt please find enclosed.

The medal weighs [illegible] oz. and is of standard purity, 900 thousandths, as requested by you. The price is $[illegible] as per bill enclosed herewith, the amount of which you will please remit to me by draft on any of our city banks.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Wm. R. Austin Esq.
Treasurer, Mass. Hort. Society
Boston,
Mass.

P.S. I will be pleased to hear from you in reply to my former letter.
J.R.S.

Treasury Department
June 18. 185[illegible].

Sir

Yours of the 16th has been received and you are authorized to have the [illegible] executed for Mr. Pennville on the terms as proposed by you.

I am very Respt.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.

Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage. June 15 1855

32	35850	638	.84	oz	25413
3	56760	900	.91	"	56760
4	25762	904	.95	"	25877
5	71772	900	1.03	"	71772
6	16690	819	1.08	"	15188
7	63663	900	.83	"	63698
8	39733	821½	1.81	"	36267
9	28405	899½	.93	"	28389
40	42965	900	.55	"	42965
1	19009	916½	.84	"	19348
2	30928	922	.97	"	31684
3	42955	900	1.03	"	42955
4	79780	900	1.07	"	79780
5	44710	900	1.00	"	44710
6	16161	825	.94	"	14814
7	12145	820	.84	"	10066
8	14731	899½	1.25	"	14723
50	71659	900	1.01	"	71659
	71366	9	1.23	"	
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5 Boxes #2@6.

The small pieces are in Box No 5

Payable in Silver Dollars June 12 1855.

30.

Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, for Coinage, June 18. 1855

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.	Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Gold. Dollars.	Value of Gold. Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. Standard Weight. oz. dec.	Silver Parted. Value. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Coinage. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Bars. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Total. $ c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. $ c	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $ c	Mode of Payment. In Bars. $ c	Mode of Payment. Total. $ c
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1932	64	11	〃		.	1314	01																
2003	63	22	993½		.	1298	38																
2005	60	87	〃		.	1250	12																
2116	62	90	〃		.	1291	81																
2153	64	98	992½		.	1333	18																
2184	65	55	〃		.	1344	88																
2204	269	29	991½		.	5519	40																
7	65	48	〃		.	1342	09																
2210	65	05	〃		.	1333	27																
8	64	20	〃		.	1315	85																
9	243	61	〃		.	4993	06																
2223	253	62	〃		.	5198	23																
2233	65	77	〃		.	1348	03																
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Box No. 1

Std Ex June 20th/55

P. T. Owen

This Agreement, made this sixteenth day of June Anno Domini, 1855, between the Mint of the United States, by James Ross Snowden, Director thereof, and Andrew J. Wick George Bryaunt and David Wick of the said city of Philadelphia, Witnesseth, that it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that they the said Andrew J. Wick, George Bryaunt and David Wick, parties of the second part shall and will furnish and supply to the Mint of the United States in such quantities and at such times as they may be required so to do - between the first day of July next and the thirtieth day of June ensuing (1856) -inclusively, the amount of fine-knot wood charcoal that may be required by the said institution, to be dry and of prime quality, and subject to the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint. Said Charcoal is to be delivered at the Mint free from all Carting or any other charges whatsoever, at the rate or price of Eighteen dollars ($18) for every one hundred bushels so delivered as aforesaid, and the bills for the same at this rate shall be due and payable monthly by the Mint of the United States.

Witness our Hands and Seals the day and year first above written

Witnessed at Signing:
the words "and David Wick"
Struck out before signing.
Jas. C. Booth
Jos. C. Costello

James Ross Snowden.
Andrew J. Wick
George Bryaunt

I hereby guarantee the performance of the above contract on the part of the above named Andrew J. Wick, George Bryaunt and David Wick parties of the Second part.

In the presence of,
the words "and David Wick"
Struck out before signing
Jos. C. Costello

David Wick

It is agreed by and between J. R. Snowden, Director of the Mint, and Andrew J. Wick that the within contract be continued for another year commencing on the 1st. inst. subject to the same terms and conditions, with this modification that the price to be paid is to be seventeen dollars per one hundred bushels delivered at the mint.

Witness our hands this 8th day of July 1856

Test.

Witness present
H. R. Linderman

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Andrew J. Wick

Contract for
Supplying Mint with Charcoal
for year commencing July 1st, 1855.
by
A. J. Wick, A. Beyerandt and J. Wick

Rate $18 per 100 bushels

Defiance Ohio June 14. 1855.

Director Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I see in State
in the newspaper that you receive
a fine proof price at $1.22
a dollar of Central American at 1.22
a Bolivian dollar " 1.18
a Mexican dollar " 1.22
& a Spanish dollar " 1.22

Please advise me whether the above
is correct, and if you allow any
and what premium on the Amer-
ican half dollar, and prior to
what year they must have been
coined.

By answering above you will
much oblige

Yours Respy

R. H. Gibson
for W. Ingram

Office of the U. S. M. Philada
Washington June 11th 1853

To the Proprietors of the
U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa

Gentlemen

By a report returned to this Office by R. McReynolds late Agent of the Washington National Monument Society to the City of Philadelphia for Three Thousand Dollars which has been placed at the U. S. Mint to receive Contributions to aid in the Completion of the Washington National Monument Upon an Order of Election in the City.

Mr McReynolds Commission as Agent to Collect funds having been revoked You are requested not to allow him to receive the Amount there deposited but to keep the same in your possession until further advice of the Action of the Board of Managers.

Respectfully
Yours
Chas G. Anthon Clerk
by J. P. Eckert Cl

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Forty-one Thousand four hundred and twenty five dollars, payable out of the following appropriations viz:

Out of the appropriation to
Mint & Coinage of the current fiscal year — $2000

Out of the Appropriation
for the current fiscal year:

For Salaries	6,225
Wages	11,000
Incidentals	14,000
Contingent	300
Total	$41,525.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
Samuel Ralph Brandon
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington.

This agreement made this thirteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1855, between the Mint of the United States in the City of Philadelphia by James Ross Snowden, the Director thereof, and John L Ward of the City of Philadelphia aforesaid. Witnesseth, that it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, that he the said John L Ward shall and will furnish and supply to the Mint of the United States in such quantities and at such times as he may be required so to do, between the first day of July next and the thirtieth day of June ensuing, (1856), inclusively, the amount of Hickory and Spruce pine Wood that may within said year be required by the said institution, to be dry and of good quality and subject to the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint. Said Wood to be left at the Mint between the hours of eight and nine o'clock in the morning and to be delivered thereat free and clear from all cording, carting or any other charges whatsoever, at the rate or price of seven dollars and one quarter per cord for the Hickory and five and one half dollars per cord for the Spruce pine Wood, so delivered as aforesaid, and the bills for which at the rate thus fixed shall be audited and payable monthly.

Witness our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Attested at Signing
Thomas H Blen

James Ross Snowden (L.S.)

John L Ward (L.S.)

I hereby guarantee the performance of the above contract on the part of the said John L Ward.

Witness my hand and seal June 16. 1855.
Thomas H Blen

William Crawford (L.S.)

Richmond Va 13 June 1858

Supt U S Mint

Dr Sir

I send you by Adams & Co's Express one box containing 1 tea pot, 7 table spoons, 12 desert do, 2 salt do & 4 salt frames, all silver weighing 76 oz 1 dwt. Please remit me amount for same at your earliest opportunity, by draft or otherwise

Yours Respectfully
Vincent Bargamin

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avoird. lbs 4.78 avoirdupois lbs.
16

oz. avoir 76.48 " ounces

June 17. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 15th inst. stating that you have transmitted to be sent you by draft or otherwise. The proceeds of the above articles have been handed to the Adams Express Co. for transmission to you. A memorandum showing the weight, balance of the deposit is herein enclosed,

Very Respectfully,
Your Most Obedient
Servant

Richard S. Benjamin, Esq.
Richmond
Va.

Taunton June 12. 1836.

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq.

Dear Sir

We annex bill of 12 keys planches, forwarded by Steam Propeller via New York, which completes your order, for 50 keys — Due, Sir.

Yours. Very Respectfully

Crocker & Brother

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York June 12th 1855

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Sir
I have to acknowledge the receipt of Fifty Thousand dollars in Silver Coin, by the Adams Express Co. in payment of Drafts for Draft No 1972.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant.
Jno. J. Cisco
Ass't Treas.

Treasury Department
June 12. 1852.

Sir

The Depository at Baltimore asks to be supplied with about $40.000 in Gold dollars. Will you be pleased to state whether they are on hand & can be spared from the Mint.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.

P.S. Can you exchange $10.000 on drafts on NY. York for Coin?

June 18 31.

Sir,

I have two favors of yesterday. I will be entirely convenient for me to supply the deposite at Baltimore with $ 50,000 in specie dollars.

On inquiry I find that the exchange is in the amt of $ 2 on 300,000 for drafts on New York cannot be made by other banks.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your obt servant,

Samuel Pl Sheldon
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Gallatin
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New Yorke June 9th 1855

Dan.l Sturgeon Esqr.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. Transfer draft No 1972. drawn on you, in my favor, for $50.000. payable in Silver Coins. I will thank you to send it as follows. viz.

Half Dollars	$12.000
Quarter do	25.000
Dimes	10.000
Half do	3.000
	$50.000

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant.
Wm. J. Cisco
Ass't Treas.

Treasury of the United States
11th June 1855

Sir

I transmit enclosed, Transfer Draft No 1979
for $50.000, which amount, please send me in gold
eagles & Gold dollars, viz $25.000 each, by Adams
& Co Express Company.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Tasm Casey
Treasurer U.S.

Daniel S Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer &c. of Mint
Philadelphia

Taunton June 9. 1855.

Dan'l. Sturgis Esq.

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir,

We amend bill of 18 kegs plenchets, forwarded via New York, as heretofore —

The remainder of your order we shall forward in a few days ——

Yours Respectfully

Crocker Bro. & Co.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
June 9th 1835

Hon. Dan'l Dunglison
Treasurer ad. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

In the bill of Talbert & Reeside with Warrant No 81 Ordinary Expenses Apr 1st Qr. 1835, the last item charged refers to "Benjamin Reeside's bill for iron work $193 61/100 — Said bill should be filed with the Warrant and you will please transmit it for that purpose —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
T. L. Smith

Auditor

To the   Winslow N.J. June 8th 1855

Director of the United States Mint Phila.

Proposals for Pine knot wood charcoal.

We the undersigned hereby agree to furnish to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Two hundred bushels of prime quality pine knot wood charcoal per week for the year commencing on July 1st 1855 and ending on the 30th of June ensuing 1856 inclusively, at the rate of Eighteen dollars per hundred bushels.—

We would just say that our coal has been well tried at your mint and we guarantee the quality to be the same as the sample herewith sent will show as the measure we bring that has been well tried heretofore and it is therefore superfluous for us to say anything

Yours Respectfully

Andrew J. Wick.
George D. Jaund
David Wick.
Residence Fleming Road
Philad.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
June 7th 1855.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the United
States Mint at Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir.

The pamphlet
Containing the Acts of Congress in
relation to the Mint, and Coinage
published in 1853. belonging to this
Office has been mislaid.

If you have any spare copies,
you would greatly oblige this
Office by transmitting one or two
by mail

Most Sincerely
Yours
A. Lamb

Acting Comptroller

June 8. 1855.
Pamphlets sent this day

Boyermans Mills June 7th

Office U S Mint
Gents
I Am Not
Altogather Satisfied As regard the
Assayee of Ore I sent you. I have
Since Examined the different
Articals which I Used in Order to
Seperate the Metal from the Ore. I
Made Use of Stone Coal In Which
the iron Must have been for certainly
the ore Cannot have iron in it. I have
have used the Charcoal but could
get none just then. I will now try
it Again with Charcoal. I Wish
You to inform me What is used to
Seperate the Metal from the Ore &c
I Am no doubt putting You to some
trouble But I would be glad to
receive some information upon
this subject. Answer By return mail
& You will oblige me
Yours &c
C Gunny
Boyermans Mills
Berks Co Penn

June 7. 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. In reply thereto, I have to state that it is not convenient for us to comply with your request. I may add that it is not the usual practice of the Assay department of the Mint to make examinations of Specimens of ores, the operations thereof being generally confined to the Assaying of Gold & Silver deposited for Coinage.

I am, very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director

Mr C. G. Young
Bossermans Mills
Perry Co.
Pa

Manufacturers & Traders Bank
Portland Me., June 5 1855

Dr Sir

I have put up to be sent tomorrow morning by Winslow & Co. express, a bag containing California coins to be received at the Mint, for which I want a certificate of the net value as soon as convenient — negotiable, as I do not want the Government here.

Respectfully Yours
E. Gerrish Cook

To the Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

313 pieces	of 50.	—	1,550
182	—	20.	— 3640
29	—	10.	— 290
13	—	5.	— 65
			$ 5,545

June 8, 36.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 24th inst

The bond forwarded by you has been received. When that value is ascertained the subject of deposit and an Abstract memorandum containing the weight, fineness and value of the same, will be given to the Assay Master by whom they will be forwarded to you. The certificate of deposit is payable to your order.

I am, very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt.

E. Gould Esqr.
Cash. Manufact & Farmers Bk:
Portland
Maine

June 8, 36

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 6th inst

The Coins forwarded by you have been received. When their value is ascertained the certificate of deposit and an Assay memorandum containing the weight, fineness and value of the same, will be given to the Gentleman by whom they will be forwarded to you. The certificate of deposit is payable to your order.

I am, very Respectfully

Your Ob. Servt.

E. Gould Esqr.
Cash. Manufac't & Farmers Bk.
Philad.
Maine

Taunton June 5. 1855.

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint

Phil^a.

Sir.

Annexed

please find, bill of 50 kegs planchets shipped per Sch. C. D. Crocker.

We shall forward the remainder of your order by steam R. Road via New York, in part in a few days —

We are.

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Crocker Bro's. & Co.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is received. The men commenced work yesterday. Mr. Yale, says that the doors now in progress will have to be finished and any delay in putting up the others will occasion loss and inconvenience.

S. R. V.

Director

Copy of despatch

June 5. 1858 9 o'clock A. M.

To acting Sec. of the Treas.

Capt. Bowman arrived afterwards

I then sent the following despat.

10 O'clock A. M.

Capt. Bowman is now here.
Every thing will be attended to.

S. R. S.

Director

JOHN S. GALLAHER,
Formerly Third Auditor, U. S. Treasury,
R. H. GALLAHER,
Banker and Attorney.

National Claim Agency
AND
BOUNTY LAND OFFICE.

Hon
Dan'l Sturgeon Washington City June 4th 1855

Dear Sir:

Your favor of at hand. Contents noted. Will you do me the favor to examine the Certificate — the second one — you gave me for 522 Five Franc pieces on the 17th day of May & see if you have not made a mistake in the number of ounces in your last Certificate mailed to me here. You give me credit for 418.40 before Melting — My recollection was 480 ounces — and it would seem that 522 pieces — for that was the number deposited, ought to weigh more than 418 ounces — The original Certificate I left with Drexel & Co of Phila & of course has been handed in.

Very Respectfully,
Jno. S. & R. H. Gallaher
Per R. H. Gallaher

Treasury Department,
June 4th 1855.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst.

In reply thereto, I have to state, that it is not desirable to have any thing done towards finishing up the iron doors for the vaults until the officer who has charge of the repairs of the Mint shall have visited Philadelphia.

The disbursements for these repairs will be made from the "specific appropriation," under the "Regulations of the Office of Construction of buildings under the Treasury Department."

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
R. Washington
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

A. Ross. Dallas Esqr.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 6th 5

Sir,

As Mr. Yale had commenced putting up the iron doors, on the receipt this morning of your favor of yesterday, I found it necessary to send my first D.[illegible] of to-day. Soon afterwards Capt. Bowman arrived, and has given the necessary directions in regard to the work. In a subsequent despatch I informed you of his arrival so as to relieve you of the trouble of making any communication on the subject.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. P. G. Washington
Acting Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

No. 4

UNITED STATES MINT, June 11 1855

To ~~Thomas M. Pettit~~ W. L. Snowden, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

2 agates for small scales in weigh Room

One small blank book

H. L. Pochman
for Treasurer

APPROVED.

S. R. S.
Director.

Chestnut St. Wharf Schuylkill Phila 24th

Dear Sir

I will agree to supply the Mint with
Coin Hickory Nuts at $7.4 per Cwt
and Gold Spruce Pine at $5 1/2 do do.
delivered as wanted

Yours Respectfully

To the Director of U. S. Mint

Wm Mann

June 2. 5.

Sir,

Since writing my letter of this morning the person having charge of the iron doors for the vaults has brought them to the Mint. They will be put up immediately.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful serv't
Jas. Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. P. G. Washington
Act. Sec. Treasury
Washington City
D. C.

Mint of the United States
Phil^a. June 2. 1855.

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Taunton June 1. 1835.

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq.

Treas.r U. S Mints.

Sir.

We amend bill
of 10 Kegs cut planchets, forwarded
to New York & Brazilian Steam Ship Co.
We shall Continue to send the remainder
formed as we finish them.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Crocker Bro. & Co.

Philad^a June 1st 1855

Dear Sir

I have a very superior article of Lehigh Coal from the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co's Green wood mine, much experience in the coal trade induces me to believe this coal will give perfect satisfaction if you will permit me to send a sample sufficient for trial I wish to do so that I may be prepared to offer a Proposal for the yearly supply the Charge for the sample will not exceed five Dollars per Ton

Yours Truly
Morris Buckman
office 42 walnut St 2^d Story
Wharf first above Pine Schuylkill

To the Director of
the U. S. mint

June 2 [illegible]

Dear Sir

I will very cheerfully afford the opportunity you request to test in a Crucible of the Coal which you propose to offer for our yearly supply. As our means of storage are very limited, you will please call upon the Refiner at the Mint, to ascertain at what time it will be convenient for him to receive a Sample.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint.

Mr. Morris Buckman

No. 42 Walnut St.

Treasury Department,
June 1st 1855.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult.

In reply thereto, I have to request that you will have the sand dove conveyed to the Mint & that you will pay the freight thereon.

You will please not commence the removal of the old works until you receive further directions from the Department. It is yet uncertain at what particular day operations can be commenced; but it is confidently expected that by the 1st of the month every thing will be in readiness. You will receive ten days notice, so that you may be prepared.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
P. Kutcheon
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

R. Ross Snowden Esqr.,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Mint.

[illegible]

Sir,

In compliance with your [illegible] of [illegible] we will not [illegible] the [illegible] until I receive further directions from the Department, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] construction. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the boxes containing the iron [illegible] doors. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the wharf.

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Signed [illegible]
[illegible] Lincoln

Hon. [illegible] Washington
Act. Sec. Treasy.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/JUNE (CONT.)

June 30th, 8.

Sir:

The monthly and quarterly examination of the affairs of the Mint and of its condition which I have just completed, sh[ow] a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this date, the close of [the] second quarter of the current calendar year, as exhibited by the boo[ks] of the institution, of $1,405,565.44/100, which balance I have f[ound] by count to be composed as follows:

Gold coins	$558,418.67	
Silver Coins	811,055.22	
Copper fund	1,800.00	
Ordinary	34,291.55	$1,405,565.44

The amount at the same time in the hands of the Ass[t.] Treasurer U.S. was found by count to be $466,666.08/100, agreeing with the balance as shown by his books of acc.

An examination made of the books &c of the Mint generally, exhibits gratifying evidence of care and accuracy in the several departments, and of attention and fidelity to the interests of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury
Washington City

Baltimore June 5. 1855

To The Director of the U.S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

We write to know if you wish to purchase an Ingot Copper made from Old Coin refined. We can supply about 100.000 pounds. Should be pleased to send you any quantity you may be pleased to order. We wish to get 27 cts for it deld at the Mint. We believe the Coin was of Swedish issue.

Yrs very respy
Thompson & Oudesluys
57 So Gay st

June 6th 8

Gentlemen,

In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to state that the Mint does not purchase Copper, except in the form of planchets properly prepared for coinage.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Messrs Thompson & Oudesluys,
No. 57 South Gay Str.
Baltimore.

ORDER No. 9

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 5 June 1855

Mr B. Hunter

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Will please line these 20 large boxes
with Copper as you did those for Shelter Room

H L Cochran jr *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

Boston. June 20th 1853.

To Treasurer of W. & Mint.

Dear Sir.

Will you be kind enough to inform us how much longer you will continue to receive silver. We notice that there are reforms to take place soon, will this interfere with the silver department, and if so how long?

Respectfully Yours,

Bennett & Co

July 2nd. 6.

Gents:

In reply to your letter of 30th ult. – rec'd this morning, enquiring as to the discontinuance of purchases of silver during the repairs to the Mint building, I have to state, that there is at present no probability of the interruption of such purchases at the prices fixed.

I am, very respectfully,
Yr. obt. Servt. –
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Messrs. Burnett & Co.
Boston

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of U. S. Mint

Chief Coiner's office U.S. Mint
Phila Jan 3d 18[illegible]

Dear Sir

I beg leave to Report that the duties for the past Month have been attended to by the operatives with their usual punctuality and dispatch and meets my entire approbation

I have completed the purchase of Sixty tons of Lehigh Coal for Winter use at $2.14 p ton viz 40 tons of Large Lump

10 " " " Egg

10 " " " Stove

60 — from Jn. Thorne

I have also concluded an agreement with Mr Ward to Haul away all the Rubbish that may occur during the present Year at 25 cts per Load

Respectfully submitted by

Geo. K. Childs

Chief Coiner U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States
Phil.a June 30. 1855.

To Daniel Sturgeon, Treasurer

Charge "Silver Coinage"
and credit the Melter & Refiner ~~in~~ his account
of Silver with Nine Hundred Ninety Eight
Dollars, being ~~amount of Silver dollars restored~~ [to repair in Silver Dollars of Owners ... which were returned by them [illegible]]
~~to the Treasurer~~ [of yours] during the second quarter
1855, ~~Etc.~~ [to pay for deposits of Silver legally [illegible] payable]

And for so doing this shall be
your warrant

Silver Dollars restored
$998 / 857.66

Director

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July 10. 55.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, Vol 7. I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the second quarter 1855.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, &c. for 1855.

For Incidental & Contingent Expenses	$2.098.01
" Wages	21.602.35
" Salaries, Officers & Clerks,	6.976.00
Total	$30.706.36

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia.

Gold Bullion Deposited June 30th, 6.

Sir,

I herein enclose the usual monthly Statement of the Operations of this institution during the Month ending with this day.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
James Ronaldson
Director

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia.

During the Week ending June 4 1856.

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California, ...	$ [illegible]
Other sources, ...	$ [illegible]
Total Gold Deposits, . .	$ [illegible]

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases, ...	$ [illegible]
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ [illegible]

COPPER.

Cents, . . .	518,400. . .	$ 5,184.00
Half Cents, ...		
Total,		$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage, . .	39,600. . .	$ 792.00
Silver " . .	1,196,800. . .	261.120
Copper, " . .	518,400 . .	5,184.00
Total No. of pieces, 1,769,960	Total value,	$1,060,704.00

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 185

Director.

Chicago

Coinage

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double-Eagles,	——	$ ——
Eagles,	2,185.	21.850
Half Eagles,	32,154.	114,770
Quarter Eagles,	42,624.	106,560
Dollars,	197,281.	197,281
Total,	336,141	$ 492,661

SILVER.

Dollars,	10,000.	$ 10,000
Half Dollars,	315,500.	157,750
Quarter Dollars,	201,000.	50,250
Dimes,	345,000.	34,500
Half Dimes,	70,000.	3,500
Three Cent Pieces,	139,000.	4,170
Total,	1,130,500	$ 261,170

COPPER.

Cents,	818,414.	$ 8,184.14
Half Cents,		
Total,		$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	336,141.	$ 492,661
Silver "	1,130,500.	261,170
Copper, "	818,414	8,184.14
Total No. of pieces,	1,969,962	Total value, $ 761,965.14

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 185

Director.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

June 28th 1855

Sir

I have rec'd. for the Adams Express Co. a package containing Abstract sheets of Gold bullion deposits, as mentioned in your letter of the 27th inst. for which you have my Thanks. as the reception of these will give me sufficient time to have them properly prepared here, for future use.

In your Assay memorandum of Silver bullion. rec'd on the 21st inst. two of the numbers are asserted to have contained Gold. Your statement I have referred to Prof. Torrey. the Assayer. for his examination, and I herewith enclose his explanation in regard to them.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Slungerly
Treas U S Mint
Phila

Wm. J. Ellis Treasurer

U. S. Assay Office
New York, June 28th 1855

I. I Cisco Esq,
Treasurer &c

Sir

Upon your calling my attention to Silver Deposits Nos. 35 & 36. reported by the Treasurer of the Philadelphia mint to contain gold, of the latter differing seriously in fineness from my report. I examined my record, & can find no error.

I may observe that No. 35 was a deposit composed exclusively of 5 francs pieces; a currency in which gold has not been found within my own experience; nor, I am informed within

the experience of those who have been familiar with the Philadelphia Mint Assays for several years. None was obtained in their deposit by us. The finding of gold in that of the succeeding deposit (No 26) as well as the unusual fineness in the latter would seem to indicate some mixing in the process of melting at the U. S. Mint.

I am Sir
Very respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Assayer

Jan 27 5

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d inst I have to state the new cent of which you speak is only a proposed cent, and before it can be issued from the Mint must be authorized by an act of Congress. I have forwarded a project of a law on the subject. The new cent weighs 96 grains instead of 168 the present cent and is composed of Copper 95 parts

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I think it will be an improvement. and I confess I am anxious to get rid of the present cumbrous and badly executed cent.

Yours Respy

James Ross Snowden

Director

H. R. Pierce Esq

Cleveland Ohio.

EXCHANGE OFFICE OF MILTON P. PEIRCE,
95 BANK STREET.

Cleveland Ohio. Jan 23 1865.

Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

Will you please inform me when the New One cent Coin will be issued, and in what quantities

Yours truly
Milton P. Peirce

Please direct to Box 1540.
Cleveland Ohio
M.P.P.

June 27th [illegible]5[illegible]

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 25th inst. The silver mentioned was brought to the Mint to-day by the agent of Adams & Co. who will attend to the delivery of the proceeds to Messrs. Drexel & Co. as requested by you. The amount of the deposit is [illegible].90

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Thomas J. Barclay, Esq.
Greensburg
Westmoreland Co.
Pa

June 27th: 5

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 25th: inst., relative to the Isaiah Thomas gold medal in your possession, had been received.

I agree with you, that the explanation of the former Treasurer of your Society, furnished the solution of the question, and am much gratified to have the explanation thus furnished.

I am, very respectfully
& truly yours,

Saml. Rbt. Snowden
Curator

N. R. Dearborn, Esq:
Isaiah Thomas Soc: Librarian
Boston.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

June 26th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. inclosing Assay Memorandum (not yet examined) for Unparted Silver bullion. Transmitted for Coinage on the 18th inst: also for the Adams Express Co. of $8.096.26 in Silver dollars $8.077. Gold Coins & change $19.26 ¢
The same has been passed to your Credit.

If you can forward me fifty Gold Abstract Sheets (more or less) of the kind now in use, you will oblige me by so doing. or inform me to the Contrary. that I may have Time to prepare them here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm J Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Trans. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York June 26th 1855

Mrs Jones & Wild

Sir

I Understand by the death of my Sister Julia A. Berrian that there is some Money Deposite in the mint at philadelphia it is about three Years ago that She Called down town in this City and gave you two Bags of Gold Dust. the Largest Bag Contained after Smelting three thousand three hundred and thirteen Dollars which She Received. I Will Send this Memorandum of Gold Bullion plase Send it Back to me and all the particulars of the Largest Bag of gold Dust they have been doing Regard the Same Called to Mind it plase tell Me the amount. I think the Said that Strain Was about two thousand Dollars of Gold Dust. We enquired for Mrs Jones & Wild in New York City and they told us that you Was at the philadelphia Mint plase Rite all the particulars Consering the amount of Money.

Yours Respectfull

Edward A. Berrian

No 35 Bedford St. for y Carmen &

To

Mrs Jones & Wild

of Philadelphia

Mint

June 28th [illegible]

Sir,

As the end of the current quarter is approaching I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 13th inst asking for a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint payable out of the appropriation Branch Mints.

The Assistant Treas. U.S. informs me that the balance in the General Fund in his office is small. I therefore suggest that the draft asked for be made payable out of the bullion fund of the Mint.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt servant.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 25th, [illegible]

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 23rd inst., enclosing check for $55. on the "Tremont Bank," has been duly received. Herewith I return to you the bill for the Gold medal ordered for your Society with receipt attached.

I am, respectfully
Yours &c

James Ross Snowden,
Director.

W. H. Austin Esq.
Treasurer
Massachusetts Horticultural
Society — Boston

June the 19th, [illegible]

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

To Medal Department
of the Mint of the United States

1855.
June — To One Standard Gold Medal for Society $55.00

Received payment of W. H. Austin, Esq. Treasurer &c &c

James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint U.S.

Custom House Norfolk
Office of Deputy
June 25. 1805

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt at this office of the balance weights for weighing gold & silver, manufactured under the direction of the Mint of the U.S. by authority of the Treasury Department. All in good condition

I am very respectfully
Your Ob Servt
P. Singer
Deputy

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Phila

Boston June 25. 1855.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines last Saturday (23) enclosing my check for $55 which I trust went safe and was satisfactory to you — I have to thank you for your prompt attention to the subject matter of my last communication & am happy to be able to report a solution of the mystery. The Treasurer who preceded me is now permanently established in San Francisco, but the one before him I have seen, & he says he is under the impression that some of the Silver medals were electrotyped as an experiment, or to please the artist, or were sent out from England with others, as Specimens he could not recollect how, or which, nor is it of any consequence, so long as the main fact is established; I felt quite certain as soon as I read your letter, that this must be the case it being impossible to have occurred at the mint I am very sorry to have given you so much trouble but you will readily understand my position when I tell you these medals were handed over to my charge as gold medals & I knew we had never given out any such piece as an electrotyped medal — fortunately the only two gold

medals awarded since 1849 (when I assumed the duties of Treasurer), were requested to be made of pure California gold & accordingly I ordered them from Mr. Peale, at dates corresponding with his Statement; the first one at a cost of $70. the second one $40 — on examining my books back to 1849 I find charged

Augt 29th 1849	1 Gold medal		$70
Sept 12 "	1 do	do	40
Augt. 15. 1851.	25 Silver medals		@ $5 each
March 8. 1852.	50 do	do	@ do do
"	50 Bronze		@ $1.50 -

corresponding precisely with Mr. Peales Statement — previous to 1849 I cannot find any account whatever of medals & those used, if any, must have been from England, or made here in Boston & charged among miscellaneous items of expence — at that time the medals were kept by one of the vice Presidents as the By laws of the Society did not assign that trust to the Treasurer —

Hoping this explanation will be sufficient & satisfactory

I remain Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Wm R Austin
Treas Mass Hort Society

Philad: June 19th 1855

Mass Hortl. Socy.
per W.R. Austin Esq.
W.R. Treasurer

Dr. to the Medal Department
of the Mint of the U.S.

To One Standard Gold Medal $45.00

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Boston June 23/55

Dear Sir

Herewith please find check on Tremont Bank for amt above bill which please receipt & return at your leisure — the medal is safe in my hands but I have not yet opened it — shall write you in a day or two upon the subject of your last communication

Respectfully Yours
W R Austin Tr.

Greensburgh Penn^a
June 25 1855

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

I forward pr. Adams Ex. One thousand Dollars old silver to the U. S. Mint the proceeds of which you will please direct to be placed to my Cr. at Drexel & Co.

Respectfully Your ob^t ser^t
Th. J. Barclay

Weight of Dep. 858.90 ozs. Sc. holds out in wt.

Mr. Hunter will attend to delivering ord^r to Messrs Drexel & Co.

H.H.C. [illegible]
[illegible]

June 18 [illegible], 6

Sir:

Herein enclosed please find duplicate bill of Mr. [illegible] for the balance and weights ordered by you on the 18 ult: inst. for the office of the Collector at Norfolk.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.

[illegible]

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury,
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

June 23d 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22d inst. inclosing Assay Memorandum of fine Gold bars transmitted for Coinage on the 18th inst.

Also for the Adams Express Co. of Thirty Thousand & Twenty & 33/100 dollars in Gold Coins in foregoing for the same, which Amount has been duly Credited to your Ac.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco Treasurer

P.S. The bags have been rec'd by the Assist. Treas. U.S.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.
Boston, June 23 1865

Sir

I have received by Adams & Co's Express from the United States Mint at Philadelphia twenty five kegs purporting to contain Ninety six Thousand Dollars and four boxes purporting to contain four thousand dollars, making in all One Hundred thousand Dollars.

Thomas B. Band
Assistant Treasurer
U. S. Boston

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S
Mint
Philadelphia

Rec'd June 5. 1857

Proposals for Coal
United States Mint.

Rec'd June 5. 1857

"Proposal for Coal"
Director of Mint U.S.

Proposal for Coal

James Ross Snowden Esq
U S Mint
Philada

Proposals.
to supply the Mint
with Lehigh Coal

Col: J Ross Snowden
U.S. Mint

Rec'd June 9. 1857

To the
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Proposals for Anthracite Coal

Proposals for Coal

Proposal for Coal. Charcoal & Wood

To Col. James Ross Snowden }
Director of the Mint of the U.S. Philada. }

Philadelphia June 4th/55

In accordance with your advertisement dated May 8th/1855 I will undertake to furnish the Mint with the above named articles in such quantities as may be required commencing about the 1st day of July next and ending on the 30th June 1856 viz.

Spruce Pine Wood of the best quality	at	$6.25 per Cord
Hickory Wood Dry and of the best quality	at	7.62½ " "
Anthracite Lehigh Coal	at	5.25 " Ton 2000 lb
Pine Knot Charcoal	at	20 cts per bushel

I will guarantee that the Spruce Pine Wood will be clear of all imperfections Dry and free from Limbs &c.

The Hickory Wood shall be selected Dry and free from Saplings. — The Pine Knot Charcoal shall free as can be obtained from rotten or Chunky substance and will be expressly manufactured for the purpose required.

The Anthracite Lehigh Coal shall be pure free from "Bone" Slate & other impurities and thoroughly screened.

The above articles will be furnished free of any extra charge and subject to all the requirements, Inspection and approval of your Department. Sufficient security will be given if required by you for the faithful performance of said Contract.

M. McGully
290. So. 5th Street

We the Undersigned respectfully recommend Mr. McGully to the consideration of Col. Snowden satisfied that if he receives the above contract he will faithfully and promptly perform the same.

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]
George Moore Esq
James C. Vandyke
J. L. Reltsterling

C. McGrath

"Proposals for Coal Charcoal & Wood"

Col. James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint of the United States

Philadelphia

Philad.a June 7th 1817

Colo. R. Snowden

Sir I Will furnish the
U S Mint Mint with requisit quantity of Good
Seasoned Hickory Wood at eight dollars
and twenty five cents per Cord for one year
from the first of July Next. and the Pine
Wood at Six dollars and fifty Cents
but Sir having furnished the Wood for the
Mint for a Number of Years. I am aware that
Good Seasned Wood is not all that is required
for the Purposes of the Mint it Must be Selected
and Prepared in a Suitable Manner which is
Very Expensive and attended With Considerable
Difficulty. So that I nor No Other Person Can
furnish Wood Suitable for Your use at any
thing like the Price Stated above. I Would
be pleased to Continue to furnish the Wood at
Going Rates for Wood Prepared in a Suitable
Manner and to Give Satisfaction

Very Respectfully
Hugh Smith

Mint of the United States,
Phil. June 9. 1855.

Proposals for Supplying the Mint with Coal, Charcoal & wood, for one Year from the 1st of July next — Received prior to June 9th & opened by the Director at 11 of that day in presence of the other Officers of the Mint.

No.	From whom received	For Coal	For Charcoal	Wood
1	Randall & Meredith	Ant.d Sp. Mt. Lehigh Coal at $5.25 2000 lbs per ton		
2	Morris Buckman	Lehigh Coal (prepared) At $5.25 if prepared at the Mine 25 cts less		
3	Repplier & Bro	Broad Mountain At 4.75 — Locust [illegible] at $5		
4	E Schreiner	Carters Summit mines $4.58 per ton		
5	Roberts Mellor & Co	Lehigh Coal $5.25 cts per ton		
6	Wm. Teizenpuss & Co	Carters Summit mines $5.25 White Ash at ab. 25 cts less $4.75 if Mint takes coal [illegible]		
7	E Cameron	Lehigh Coal at $5.00 per ton as per advertisement		
8	Haywood & Smith	Lehigh Coal (to Apr 1st 1856) $4.90 per ton		
9	Bancroft & Bucknell	Ant.e Coal at $4.25 Ashland Coal		
10	Beeson & Hunton	Lehigh or Sp. Mt. Coal at $5.30 per ton all sizes — Subject to the rise in freights & tolls		

Forward

No	From Whom Recd	Coal	Charcoal	Wood
11	C. D. McCord	Anth. Coal $5.25 Spring Mountain.		
12	Wm Thorne	Lehigh Coal at $4.88		
13	Lewis K. Wigglesworth	Lehigh as per ad.[illegible] At $5.00 per ton		
14	Alex Conway	Lehigh Coal At $4.80 (Sch.)		
15	J. D. Ward			Hickory Wood at $7.25 per Cord – Pine $5.50
16	J. S. Clark		Pine Burnt Charcoal at 20 cts per bushel	
17	Hugh Smith			Hic.y Wood At $8.25 per Cord Pine Wood $6.50
18	Mick & Co		Pine Burnt Ch. at 18 per 100 bushels	~~Pine Burnt Charcoal at $[illegible] per 100 bushels~~
19	M. M. Tully	Lehigh Coal $5.25 per Ton	Pine Burnt Charcoal 20 cts per bus	Sp. Pine Wood at $6.25 Hick. $7.62½
20	Mr Sherry			Hickory at $9.75 per Cord. Pine at $7.50

To the Director of the U.S. Mint Phila

I will furnish and deliver at the Mint at such time and in such quantities as may be required a supply of the best quality of Hickory Wood at nine Dollars and fifty Cts or $9.50 per Cord and of the best quality of Pine wood at seven dollars and fifty Cts $7.50 per Cord

Yours Respectfully
John Henry

first wood wharf below South St on the Schuylkill

Rec'd Jan 9. 1855.

To the Director of the Mint
United States –
Proposal for Coal

Rec'd June 6. 1855

Colon Ross Snowden
Director of U S Mint
Proposal for furnishing
Wood

Col J Ross Snowden Esq[r] Director U S Mint

Sir i submitt to you my opinion of the coal as sent to us for Sample by contractor

1st Trial Ziegenfuss & Carver we burnt of their coal 84 Tons using it 14 Days average per Day $2\frac{43}{100}$ Tons this Coal is sent from various Mines from the Schuyl Region it will not suit the Mint

2nd Bines & Sheaf we burnt 7 Tons in 2 Days This coal is called Ashland i could not recommend it for this place

3rd Mr Hunters 10 Tons in 3 Days This coal is called Carters Lehigh that is Lehigh from from the Schuyl side of the Mountain it is good Schuyl Coal, not as good as the Lehigh we have tried i would not recommend it for the Mint

4th Roberts & Walton 9 Tons in 4 Days This coal is Lehigh of excellent quality. i can recommend the Sample to suit this place

5th Besonet & Newtons Spring Mountain coal 9 Tons in 3 Days this sample is not as good as Roberts & Walton they wished to send me a sample of other coal which they could afford at the same price The coal is from the Summit Mine if they would send it i have no doubt it would suit

6th Isaac Wright & Son 5 Tons in 2 Days This coal is Lehigh Summit it is excellent and would suit us

7th Thiles Tully 3 Tons in one Day this coal is as good as the Wright & Sons ——— 8th Mr J L Franklin 9125 lbs in two Days This coal is as good any hunt by us it is Lehigh Coal, ——— 9th Alex[r] Conning 6 Tons in two Days This coal is a free burning coal It will not make the Steam that the same quantity of any of the Lehigh we have hunt i think it is Black Heath, he says he will wish to send a sample of the same kind but we have not got the time, Yours Respectfully Chas Shaner

June 4th/55

Col J Ross Esq Director U S Mint

Sir i call your attention to what the contractor should be aware of in sawing the coal, the coal shall be Delivered by ½ past 8 in the morning The contractor should not have less than 3 Carts sawing 3 Tons at a time, for this reason, sawing it by the load at a time, would keep the pavement at all times Coupied and it would be very inconvenient for the Fireman also being called away from their work so often,

I also hope that you will chose for us the Lehigh coal. From either Roberts Walton Bossonet & Newton. Wright & Son. Wiley Tully or Jd Franklin

I am very sorry i can not report favorable to the Engrossing & Printing

Philadelphia June 8th 1855

Col. James Ross Snowden

Sir

The undersigned Coal Dealers trading under the Firm of John Siegenfuss & Co Callowhill above 13th Street propose to furnish at the United States Mint in such parcels or quantities as may be required from time to time for the ensuing 12 Calender Months commencing on or before the 15th of June next at the rate of $5.25 cts per ton of 2000 lbs of Coal Lump or Sleigh Best size Hammer Broken from the Mines of J & R. Carbon Greenwood or Lehigh Collieries near Tamaqua The Coal to be broken in such sizes as may be directed by the Superintendent or Engineer of the Mint. We further propose to furnish to the Mint from the same Mines at $5.00 per ton for 2000 lbs Broken & Screened by Machinery. We further propose to furnish to the Mint the Best Black Valley & Black Heath White Ash Schuylkill Coal at 25 cts per ton lower than the above offer for Carbon Coal. The above offers are intended to be for the Coal at our yard of the rise of toll or the price of Coal. If the Mint will take the risk of the rise of Coal we propose to furnish at the rate of $4.75 per ton at present and as long

as Coal continues to remain at present prices, adding the price of the advance in toll or coal as the case may take place. For the true & faithful performance of this Contract & delivering the Coals in the best possible manner we offer any good and sufficient Guarantee that may be required.
We are ready to give any explanation which may be required to make the above proposals clear
Respectfully Yr

John Zeigenfuss
Joseph Carver Jr
Wm H Snowden

Proposal for Coal

To the Director of the
Mint U. States.

Gentlemen,

We propose to furnish the Mint with the quantity of Coal advertised for, all to be from the Lehigh Region — free from slate and impurities and as per sample furnished the Mint by us — for the sum of Five Dollars & twenty five cents per Ton ($5.25) —

Very Respectfully

Robert Walton & Co

Philad[a] June 8th 1855

Philada 5th Mo 29th 1865

To the Officers of the U. S. Steam.

Gentlemen

We the undersigned agree to furnish you with all the Lehigh Coal (Broken & Screened Steamboat and Lump Size) You may want at $5. per ton of 2000 lbs.

The said coal to be warranted Lehigh of the best Quality Selected in the very best manner. Our contract with the Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co prohibits our dealing in any other Coal than that furnished by them. The said Coal we can deliver to suit you convenience

Respectfully

Isaac H. Wright & Son

Philada June 9th 1855

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I will agree to deliver to the United States Mint Chesnut stove Coal as wanted from the first day of July 1855 to the thirtieth day of June 1856 the Best quality of Coal from the Lehigh and Greenwood Mines of Messrs John & Richard Carter from Tamaqua Lump and Broken suitable for your use approved of your engineer for Four 58/100 Dollars per Ton of 2000 pounds for cash on presentation of Bills

$4.58

I remain your obt svt
E. Schreiner
S. W. Cor Broad ~~Callowhill~~ St

P.S.

If you require any reference or security I will give you the same

E.S.

Philad.a June 4th 1833
10. a. m.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

I propose to deliver your Specialty of Lehigh Coal for the use of the mint as advertised for under date of May 8th 1833 as follows

Lehigh coal from the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co's Green Pond mine (reference to in their last annual report) Broken Selected & prepared in the yard any size you name free of Slate or other impurities (for it can only be prepared when prepared in this way) at the Price of $5.25 per Ton of 2000 lbs if prepared at the mountain 25 ct per ton less will be charged, your engineer informed me he could not give the coal a trial before wednesday of next week which is after the time of running proposals he tells me however that he has been using the Green pond coal as delivered in boats from which he may know what it would be selected and prepared as I propose

Respectfully
Morris Buckman
42 Walnut St. 2nd Story Front

Philada. June 9. 1855

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director of the United
States' Mint.

Dear Sir,

We will furnish Wm Milnes & Co: "Spring Mountain" Lehigh Coal, in the quantities and of the sizes named in your proposal - at $5.35 per ton of 2000 lbs The Coal to be delivered as you may require it. Delivered at the Mint free of charge.

The quality of this Coal is the best from the Lehigh region and always commands a higher price than any other. In naming the price we have, in the above bid, we expect and hold ourselves bound to screen the Coal and deliver it entirely free from dust, bone, slate or any other impurity.

We will give any guarantee you deem proper to ask.

We could name lower prices for Coal not so good - but we judge you require the best.

Yours Respectfully

Randale Gellersdeth

We should like very much if you would try the Coal.

To the Executive U.S. Mint

Gentlemen, I write
to ask if you want Two hundred Lehigh Coal
of that Quality and size you advertise for to be
delivered as you order it, at $5.00 per Ton
of 2000 lbs.

P.S. Satisfactory security given for the true
& faithful performance of the Contract.

E. Cameron

4 June 1864

Office No 527 N. Front
Home 1113 Chestnut St. Phila

Philadelphia
Willow St. Wharf
June 11th 1855

Col: J Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Near Sir,

We will agree to supply the Mint with Lehigh Coal of the best quality and size to suit the various departments for the present time till April 1 1856, at four dollars and ninety five Cents per ton of 2000 lb.

The quality of the Lehigh Coal now arriving is much superior to that received by us last year, and we have no doubt will give full satisfaction

Yours truly
Mayes & Smith

Philadelphia 6 Mch 5. 1855

To the Directors of the U. S. Mint.

Gent:

We will furnish the U. S. Mint with all the Anthracite Coal they may want from July 1st 1855 to June 30th 1856 at $4.25 per Ton of 2240 and deliver the same as required.

Our Coal is from the New Mines, at Ashland, in the Middle Coal Field, and from the Veins that connect with the Girard Coal Land at Girardville, and said by the U. S. Tests, to be superior to any Anthracite Coal in this Market.

Yours &c
Bouvier & Boustead
N. E. Corner 8th & Willow st

Philad. June 1 1858

We the undersigned propose to supply the United States Mint at Philadelphia with best Lehigh & Spring Mountain Coal as per Advertisement for one year from the 1st day of July next. at the following prices subject to Excise in full and freight on the Lehigh & Delaware Division Canals viz:

For all sizes of Lump Steam Coal, Broken Egg & Stove Coal at ($5.30) Five dollars Fifty cents per ton of 2000 lbs.

Bessant & Boulton

To Hon. Jas Pollock Director.
Mint of the
United States

Philad^a May 9. 1

To the Directors of the Mint
Philad^a

I will agree to furnish the United States Mint with all the Anthracite Coal Required from July 1 1855 to July 1 1856 at the rate of Four Dollars and twenty five cents ($4.25) per ton of 2000 lb. The Coal to be of the best quality Spring Mountain Lehigh Steamboat and Lump size free from slate and all impurities delivered at such times and in such quantities as required

Respectfully
Chas. O. Norris
No 38 Walnut St

P.S.
I supplied the mint with Coal for the three years previous to last year and I flatter myself that I furnished the best Coal ever burnt there

Truly
Chas. O. Norris

We will agree to furnish the U. S. Mint with the quantity of Coal they may require from July 1. 1855 to June 30th 1856, inclusively, of Lump and Steamboat sizes of our "Mammoth Vein" Broad Mountain Coal at Four 75/100 Dollars per ton of 2000 lbs, & we will furnish the coal from our Locust Mountain Colliery at Five Dollars per ton of 2000 lbs.

The Engineer of the Mint has promised to try the Locust Mountain Coal on Tuesday next, he already knows the quality of our Mammoth Vein Coal having tried it some time since at Spring Garden Water Work.

Kepplers & Bro
95 Walnut St

Phil'a June 9. 1855.

I hereby Propose to supply the United States Mint with Lehigh Antracite Coal for one Year commencing July 1st 1855 of the same quality of Sample furnished Lump and Steam Boat Sizes. Delivered in such quantities & at such time as may be required For $ 4.80 cts ℔ Ton of 2000 lbs.

Alex Convery

S Broad Street
below Vine St

Philadelphia June 8th 1855

Boston June 1 1858

Hon. Sir

Be enclosed herewith proposals for supplying the Marine Hospital with Coal for one year commencing 1st of July next.

As we have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you we would most respectfully refer you to Hon. Asa Packer of Mauch Chunk and Dr. H. F. Sonderman to whom we are well known as to our ability &c to comply with the Contract should you be pleased to award it to us.

With great respect
Your Obt Servants
Bedford & Mauch

To
Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

N.B. In sending you out for trial we did not go to extra expence and trouble to prepare a few tons solely for trial but sent you the quality that we can continue to send through the year.

P. & A.

Col J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director U. S. Mint

Rec'd May 26th 1835.

To the Director of the Mint
of the United States
Proposals for Anthracite
Lehigh Coal

Rec'd May 30 1835.

"Proposals for Charcoal"

to Col. James Ross Snowden
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Rec'd June 6. 1835.

Director of U. S. Mint
Proposal for Wood

"Proposals for Coal"

Rec'd June 8. 1835. 11 o'clock A.M.

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Rec'd June 8. 1835
12 o'clock M.

Hon. J. Rop Chandler
Director of the United
State Mint

Rec'd June 8. 1835.

Proposal for Coal.
James R. Snowden Esqr
Director.
of the United States Mint.

Proposals for Coal

Offices of
U. S. Mint
Philada

Fm/ Chief Coiner.
July 2/55.
Report for June

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Phila

Beam Meadow RR ~~adeona~~ has recently experienced another advance

B.M

June 22. 6.

Sir,

At the request of the Treasury Department I had manufactured (in this city) for your Office a balance with weights suitable for weighing Gold and Silver. The same (carefully packed) were shipped to you on the 20th inst per "Union Steamship Co line" and will I hope reach you in good order.

I am, very Respectfully,
Jas. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Samuel T. Sawyer, Esq.
Collector of the Customs,
Norfolk
Va.

Beam
and the
B. M.

Branch Far. Bank Va Farmville
Jan 22 1855

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr. of the United States Mint
Philadelphia — I send today
by the Adams Exp. Co. a small bar of Gold belonging to the
St Bartholomew to be coined & please to send me the usual
statement of value &c — which will in no case [illegible] be necessary
to it in some manner & I will ask for it through Bank
Remittance.

Resp. [illegible]
Cashr

This Agreement, made this twenty second day of June, Anno Domini, 1855, between the Mint of the United States, by James Ross Snowden, Director thereof and William Thorn of the City of Philadelphia, Coal merchant, Witnesseth - that it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said William Thorn shall and will furnish and supply to the Mint of the United States in such quantities and at such times as he may be required to do, between the first day of July next and thirtieth day of June ensuing (1856) inclusively, the amount of Anthracite Lehigh Coal (of the lump and steamboat sizes) to be entirely free from bone, slate and other foreign substances, that may be required by the said institution; to be dry and of good quality and subject to the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint - said coal to be left at the Mint between the hours of eight and nine o'clock in the morning and to be delivered thereat free from all carting or any other charges whatsoever at the rate or price of four dollars and eighty eight cents ($4.88) per ton of 2000 pounds, for each and every ton so delivered as aforesaid, the bills for which shall become due and payable monthly by the said Mint of the United States: And for all and every impure and foreign substance found therein, deductions shall be made from the said bills at the rate above fixed, and each and every ton left otherwise than in accordance with the regulations above agreed to shall be subject to refusal and return. In Witness our Hands and Seals the day and year first above written.

Witnessed at Signing
Chas. F. Ellis

James Ross Snowden (L.S.)
William Thorn (L.S.)

We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee the performance of the above contract on the part of the said William Thorn.

Witnessed by
Wm. H. Brown

Witness our Hands and Seals the day and year above written.
Barnabas Hammett (L.S.)
S. Caldwell (L.S.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/JULY

Treasury Department
July 20 1808

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19th inst, and think with you that the proposed change should be made in the mode of paying for Virginia Cattle. I also think the first of August a suitable time for the change to take effect, and authorize you to issue the proper notice accordingly.

Your former letter was acknowledged on the 16th

I am very Respy
Your Mo Hble
Secretary of the Treasury

Jos. Nicholson Esq
Collector of the Port
Philadelphia

No 7

UNITED STATES MINT, 21 July 1855

To ~~THOMAS M. PETIT, Esq.,~~ A. P. Snowden
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

1 Ream of wrapping paper

H. S. Cochran
Fr Leas

APPROVED.

S. R. V.
Director.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
July 20th 1835.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the United States Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir

An Account has been adjusted between you and the United States on account of disbursements for the Assay Office, New York, and a Balance found to be due you from the United States of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $1.64

Most Sincerely
Yours
Edwin Whittlesey.

Comptroller

No. 6

UNITED STATES MINT, 20 July 1845

To THOMAS M. PETTIT, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

22 Small brass locks
6

H. L. Pochman
for Asst

APPROVED,

S. R. C.

Director.

Bushers Mills near Hagerstown
Cumberland Co. July 19. 1855

[illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir

In the list of premiums as just published by the Penn.a [illegible] Society they propose awarding Eighty five (85) Silver and Forty (40) Bronze Medals — as the dies are in the Mint you will I hope be [illegible] the amount necessary to be forwarded to afford you an opportunity of having the same prepared in due time for our [illegible] exhibition — should it be intended we take them by the foreclosure

With my best wishes for your prosperity I am dear Sir
Your friend
Fred.k Bucher

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Copy

Niles July 19th 51

U S Mint
Phila

You will receive
a box of Gold Dust by the
American Ex Co. of New York
marked Edgar Patton Phila
Mint Care of Wells Butterfield
& Co which please receive
& the amount send to Clinton
Niles Michigan by the Amer.
Ex Co.

E Patton

July 19. 65

Sir,

I hoped to have heard from you before this time in answer to my letter of the 11th inst in which I urged the propriety of so modifying the purchases of Silver Bullion as to pay for it only in Silver Coin. I think it important that this change should take effect on the 1st of August next, and that some notice thereof to the going into effect should be given. I have not forwarded this Report to you concluding that it will suit the convenience of the Mint during the suspension of our operations whilst the extensive repairs are in progress, but because it will also inform the public interests and prevent an unnecessary outlay of Gold in purchasing Silver. Our Silver coinage (speaking now of all pieces less than the dollar which as Odium coined or called for and may be regarded as no longer a coin of circulation) is found in an unlucky settlement position from that which it enjoyed previous to the Act of March 3d 1853. It is now no longer a legal tender in payment of debts except in small amounts & hence all that we put into that shape beyond the wants and calls of the community is a dead stock of merchandize. The gold coin which the Government has paid for the Silver Bullion has passed out of its possession and left in its place a currency, which if beyond the actual demands of the community is unavailable for any purpose, and in any great emergency could not be relied on when

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant,
James McHenry
Secretary of War

Hon. James Gunthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
July 18th 1835.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the United
States Mint at Philadelphia. Pa.
Sir

Your account
of Copper Coinage for the Quarter
ending the 30th of June 1835, has been
adjusted at the Treasury and the
following found to be the Balance in
the Mint. viz

Copper Coinage	$790.08	
Copper Account	236.30	$1026.35

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
July 19th 1855

Nov. Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have this day received your
Ordinary Expenses Acct for the 2nd Quarter of 1855.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. L. Smith

Auditor

From L. R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
U. S. Mint

Suggesting that bullion
from assay office
be melted into large
bulls ?

Directors reply endorsed

July 17 1854

Assay Office July 16 1854

Sir

I reluctantly offer a word to explain the "solecism", in the proposition to return silver bullion to the Assay Office "without melting", in case I should find the assay unsatisfactory. I cannot assay silver without melting, because the only accurate way to get an assay sample (except in the case of fine silver) is to take it from the metal whilst fluid in the melting pot.

I would beg leave to make a suggestion as growing out of this particular correspondence.

The last receipt of silver bullion from the Assay office consisted of 7136 ounces, divided into eighteen numbers; evidently keeping each original deposit by itself. Now it is not my province to review the assays of original deposits made there (except as required upon special occasion), and I do

think it would be far more satisfact
to all parties, while it would place res
-sibelitys where they belong, to have all such
bullion condensed into a few large mass
before it is sent here; that is, of the 136 ounces
instead of coming to us in 18 numbers, h
better have come in about four. They ought
to yield the same thing in value; at any
rate, as near as they have yet done. If the advan
tages of this course are not evident, I forbe
to press it; but I think it will commend itse
to your judgment, and I trust also to that
of Dr Torrey, for whom I entertain such resp
that I cannot without the greatest pain, app
in an attitude of controversy with him; and
I think the course just stated would prev
any such unpleasantness. And I would
add, upon the suggestion of Mr Booth, that
a condensation of gold deposits, when sen
from that office, would be equally proper
and desirable.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director &c

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assay

Aug 17 th 5.

Sir,

In reply to the suggestions presented in your note of yesterday, I have to state that the re-melting of such deposits as are received at New York and transmitted here, with a view to the coinage of renewed deposits into a few large melts, seems to me liable to some objection. The deposits would lose in weight and be increased in fineness by such re-melt. Besides, by being mingled together the circumstances, or otherwise, between the assays at the Assay Office and the Mint would not appear, and the one of the tests to insure faithfulness, accuracy and uniformity in the operations of the said Offices would entirely cease.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

T. R. Eckfeldt Esq.
Assayer.
U. S. Mint.

July 16th 5[illegible]

Sir,

The Depositary at Norfolk states that a set of weights for weighing Silver coin are necessary for that Office. A set suitable for use with the balance recently sent to that Office by [illegible] (weights for gold only are now provided therein) will cost $50. If it be the desire of the Department to have them furnished I will have them made by Mr Thomson & forwarded to that Office.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury.

Washington City.

Trenton July 16 1835

Dan'l. Haugwout Esq.

Dear Sir

U.S. Mint, Phila.

We have received your esteemed favor of the 13th inst. - inclosing drafts on New York, for $2000 - which amount shall be paid to your credit, as requested, as stated in your letter -

We are - Yours

Very Respectfully

Crocker & Brother

Custom House, Norfolk
Office of Depository
July 19. 1855

Dear Sir

No weights for balance accompanied the Balance which at the request of the Treasury Department, you sent to this office a short time since.

The manufacturer writes me that he will prepare a set for this purpose under your authority. While you have the kindness to direct him to do so, and when finished instruct him to forward for the Custom House Keepers.

The balance is perfectly adjusted & seems to be entirely accurate, but on weighing coin the weights disk proportionately over the money disk from $4 to $5 in the $5000, or about $1 in $1000. This has been tested by weighing $5000 in coin from the Treasury at short sight, while, on counting, the tale would be right. This discrepancy arises from the abrasion of the

coin but wile you please direct me how to regulate the thing? what standard is most adopted. Is the coin first cast at the Mint Furnace? simply weighed - for example $5.00 in dollar pieces - or have they some other means of arriving at the amt. If only weighed by what rule do they attain the exactness with such perfect accuracy?

Excuse me on the subject and I pray you to pardon me for this infliction of trouble.

I am very respectfully
Your obdt
P. Sawyer
Assistant

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Phila

Lisbon 9. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 14th inst. As regards the preponderance exhibited by the rough dish over that of the coin dish in weighing with the balance recently sent to your office, I would remark that the discrepancy undoubtedly arises from some of the coins being much worn and consequently slightly diminished in weight. Where any given amount is to be made, the coins should first be counted and afterwards tested by the use of the Standard weights. If the amount be found correct by tale the balance will confirm it, except where the coins are much worn, in which case they will be found slightly short in weight. A discrepancy of about one dollar in a thousand is occasionally exhibited here in weighing coins that have been some time in use.

I have written to the Department for permission to furnish you with a set of weights for weighing Silver coin at your office.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Lorenzo Hall Sweat.

A. J. Sawyer Esqr
Deputy Surveyor
Boston Mass

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To
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

Enclosing Communication
from Superintendent
of Assay Office
respecting allowance
made to depositors
for metal lost
in Melting &
generally Charges

July 16. 1855

Sir,

I have to call your attention to a report received in a recent communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office enclosing a letter from the Melter & Refiner of that Office. Copies of which I herewith transmit to you. I concur with him officers in the suggestion that the Regulations on the Limit presently observed be modified; and in order that the reasons may be more fully apprehended by you I may remark, that by the most skillful melting of gold and silver deposits and with any precautions employed to collect all the grains belonging to each deposit which may have remained in the first and melting pot it has been found that minute particles of the metal still adhered to the pot which it was impossible to collect from each deposit. It seemed just that some allowance should be made to the depositors for these small particles. Hence a rule was adopted of melting on the 1st of April 1853 to add ¼ Carats of to thousands, or four hundredths of an ounce to every hundred ounces of gold, and this except how Compute charged to the Melter & Refiner over and above the weight of the deposit after melting on the

bility that this officer would regain the excess from the "sweep" into which all residues are thrown. This practice has been continued to the present time. Experience however does not confirm the propriety of its continuance. But I may in the first place premise that it seems contrary to the 15 Sect. of the present mint law. ~~[illegible]~~ sect 16, which prescribes that the "weight after melting bullion" shall be considered the true weight of the deposits", and to Sect. 23. p. 18 which enacts that the Melter and Refiner shall be debited with the Standard weight of all the bullion placed in his hands. The allowance of four-tenths of a thousandth is an assumed not an ascertained weight, and although the Melter & Refiner does obtain the first particles of metal coming from the first melt of the deposits, yet it would appear that he is debited with a ~~[illegible]~~ greater weight of metal than he actually receives. Bullion is melted under flux and the whole cast into a mould, the lighter flux solidifying on the top of the metal. It is plunged into water whilst still hot in order to loosen the adherence of the flux which is then broken off by sharp hammers as closely as practicable, nevertheless minute particles of the flux will still adhere and the bars of metal being thus delivered to the Melter and

Refiner, he is debited with this flux as if it were gold. Besides, the metal will often contain small cavities, which when the ~~[illegible]~~ bars is plunged into water become sometimes filled with the liquid although apparently dry. This has been occasionally observed to give an excess of weight. ~~The~~

There is another cause of overcharge to the Melter & Refiner due to the ~~so called~~ Iridium contained in much of the California gold which is not always detected in the small assay pieces, and the amount of which is generally too minute to determine its quantity. Being instructed to separate this as much as possible during the operations of parting and refining, the Melter & Refiner who has been debited with it as gold removes the greater portion of it from the gold, so that it partly accumulates in his hands, a comparatively worthless residue, or goes into the sweeps where its value is entirely lost.

It will be observed that where the Melter & Refiner is debited with more bullion than he receives the depositor is overpaid and the government loses to the same extent.

From the experience gained in the Mint I believe that the excess with which the Melter & Refiner is overcharged for foreign matter adhering to the melted bullion, ~~and the other causes stated~~, will at least equal the minute residue remaining the pots and that therefore no further allowance should be made to the depositor. For these reasons I ~~[illegible]~~ propose, with your concurrence to instruct the ~~officers of the Mint~~ several branches, including the assay office, that the regulations heretofore applied to them be so modified as to dispense with the ~~[illegible]~~ allowance to the depositor of four-tenths of a thousandth beyond the weight of the deposit after melting;

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Sir

J. R. S.
Dir.

Hon. J. Guthrie

Lady 14. 3.

Sir,

I have to call your attention to a point presented in a recent communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office enclosing a letter from the Melter & Refiner of that Office, copies of which I herewith transmit to you. I concur with those Officers in the opinion that the regulations in the point presented should be modified; and in order that the subject may be more fully apprehended by You I may remark that by the most skillful melting of gold and Silver deposits, and with every precaution employed to collect all the grains belonging to each deposit which may have remained in the fluxy and melting pots it has been found that minute particles still adhered to the pot which it was impossible to collect from each deposit. It seems just that some allowance should be made to the depositor for these small particles. Hence a rule was adopted in the 1st April 1853 to add to the deposit of the Assay

4 tenths of a thousand, or four hundredths of an
ounce to every hundred ounces of Gold, and this excess
was of course charged to the Melter & Refiner over
and above the weight of the deposit after melting in them, believing that
this Officer could regain the excess from the "Sweep"
into which all residues are thrown. This practice
has been continued to the present time. Experience
does not however confirm the propriety of its continuance.
But I may in the first place premise that it
seems contrary to the 13th Sect. of the general Mint
Law, page 16, which provides that the "weight after
melting shall be considered the true weight of the bullion
deposited", and to Sect. 23, page 8, which enacts that
the Melter & Refiner shall be debited with the standard
weight of all the bullion placed in his hands. The
allowance of four tenths of a thousandth is an assumed,
not an ascertained, weight, and although the Melter & Refiner
does obtain the finest particles of the metal coming from
the first melt of the deposits, yet it would appear that
he is debited with a greater weight of metal than he
actually receives. Bullion is melted under flux and the

while cast into a mould, the lighter flux solidifying on the
top of the metal. It is plunged into water whilst still hot in
order to loosen the adherence of the flux, which is then broken
off by sharp hammers as closely as practicable; yet still some
minute particles of the flux will still adhere, and the bars of
metal being thus delivered to the Melter & Refiner [illegible]
with this flux as it were [illegible] of the metal will often contain small cavities
which, when the bar is plunged into water, become filled sometimes with the liquid
although apparently dry. This has been occasionally observed to give an excess
of weight.

There is another cause of overcharge to the Melter & Refiner due to the iridium
contained in much of the California gold, which is not always detected in the
small assay piece, and the amount of which is generally impracticable to determine
the quantity. Being instructed to separate this as much as possible during
the operation of parting and refining, the Melter & Refiner who has been
debited with it as gold, removes the greater portion of it from the gold,
so that it partly accumulates in his hands, a comparatively worthless
residue, or goes into the sweeps where its value is entirely lost.

It will be observed that when the Melter & Refiner is debited
with pure bullion than he receives the depositor is overpaid and the
government loses to the same extent.

From the experience gained in the Mint I believe that the

[illegible] with which the Melter & Refiner is charged for foreign matter adhering to the melted bullion, will at least equal the minute residue remaining in the pots and that therefore no further allowance should be made to the depositor. For these reasons I propose, with your concurrence, to instruct the several branches, including the Assay offices, that the regulations heretofore issued to them be so modified as to dispense with the allowance to the depositor of four tenths of a thousandth beyond the weight of the deposit after melting.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Treasury department
First Auditors office
July 14th 1855

Robt Dale Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your
Copper Warrant No 98 for the 4th Qr: 1855

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt:

J. C. Saunders
Auditor

ORDER No. 21

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 1st Aug 1855

Mr. R. L. Mead

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Gilding for Gens. Scales

H. S. Dobras jr *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

ORDER No. 20

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 1st Aug 1855

Mr. E. J. Durand

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

1 pr Cast Iron Brackets for Fess Scales

H. S. Dickerson Jr *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

No. 11

UNITED STATES MINT, 14 Aug 1855

To J. R. SNOWDEN, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

1 pr. cast iron brackets
for Scales in Assaying
Office & Gilding for same

H.S. Cochran
for Assay.

APPROVED,
A.R. Lindeman
Director

U.S. Assay Office
Melter & Refiners Department
New York July 15th 1855.

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the following subject, which I consider to be of considerable importance.

It has been the practice heretofore at this Office as well as at the Mint, to allow deposituors of an ounce to every 25 ounces of metal deposited by them, over and above the actual weight of the deposite after melting. This practice doubtless arose from the fact that a small fraction of the metal remains in the flux and crucible after they had both been cleaned as fine as possible, but other facts connected with this subject appear to have been lost sight of in making this allowance. The bars of gold & silver, and the grains obtained from the flux and Crucible, which together make up the weight after melting, every assay being cleaned always contains some flux and water adhering to them or imbedded in little air holes or cavities from which these foreign substances cannot be removed. These bars and grains also contain Iridium, which must be accounted by the process of assaying used in use, and consequently this makes

and troublesome metal is left with the gold, and the depositor receives pay for it and the Melter and Refiner is charged with it, the same as for Gold. The flux and water is also paid for to the depositor and charged to the Melter and Refiner in the same way, and consequently the depositor receives more than he is entitled to, and the Mint is charged with more than he actually receives. In justice to all parties therefore, I think that the dirt, flux and impurities in the bars after melting, will fairly compensate for the small fraction left in the flux, and consequently I hope that the above mentioned practice of allowing the depositor 100 oz an ounce on 25 ounces and charging this to the Melter and Refiner, will be discontinued, and that the Weigh Clerk will be instructed to that effect.)

In order to accomodate the public as far as possible, it has been the practice heretofore to receive deposites of all kinds so long as they contained any gold or silver, without reference to the foreign substances some of the deposits may contain. The class of these deposites causes a great deal of trouble in refining other gold with which they are subsequently mixed, and enhances the cost of refining to a great extent. The deposites I refer to are Jewellers Gold & old Silver plate. These always contain tin, generally in the form of solder, which cannot be removed by the processes used in refining for refining, but when treated with Nitric acid is converted into an insoluble oxide which remains with the gold, causing it to be brittle and of inferior fineness. These deposites are generally small, but a small quantity of tin produces a great deal of Mischief. The Charges at this Office for refining Bullion of good quality are probably below the actual cost, and for such deposites as Jewellers Gold and Silver plate, the Charges are probably less than one quarter of the cost. This together with the trouble produced by mixing such deposites with good Californian gold, are sufficient reasons for rejecting such deposites in future. Private Refiners in this city take such deposites at their value in gold or silver, and for gold deposites, return fine gold at $20. per oz, thus receiving about 40 ct per oz besides the Silver contained in the gold, while the Government charge is only 5 ct per oz. I hope therefore that the weigh Clerk will be instructed to reject in future all deposites of Jewellers Gold, Old Silver Plate, or others containing Tin or Solder.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant

Edward H Kent
Melter & Refiner

Saml. R. Suttonwhite Esq
Superintendent &c
U.S. Assay Office

Treasury Department
August 9th 1833

Sir

Your communication dated the 14th ultimo and enclosing copies of the letters from the Superintendent and Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office at New York respecting the allowance now made to depositors for the Metal lost in Melting. has been received and duly considered.

You are authorized to cause the changes recommended by Mr Kent to be made at the Mint & Branches and at the Assay office

I am very respectfully
R. Washington for the
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philada

United States Assay Office
New York, July 14th, 1855.

Sir,

I have just received from the Melter & Refiner of this Office a communication urging the discontinuance of the allowance now made to depositors for the metal lost in melting, and also proposing that deposits containing tin or solder be hereafter rejected.

The reasons assigned by Mr. Kent for the proposed changes appear to have weight, and I submit them for your consideration.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Sam'l T. Washington
Supt

July [illegible]

Sir,

I have received your favors of the 15th & 19th inst with the enclosures stated. The directions you have given as mentioned in your letter of the 15th inst are entirely proper and will no doubt prove advantageous in respect to the receiving and melting of deposits.

The 13th Sect. of the act establishing the Assay Office extends to that Office the laws relating to the Mint as far as they may be applicable. The 19th Sect. of the general Mint law authorizes the refusal of "any bullion so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint." It is therefore lawful to reject any bull in which you or the operative Officers may regard, as unsuited for Mint operations, or that contains base metals which cannot be removed by the refining process. It has always been usual to exercise a sound discretion on this subject.

I will write to you in a few days in reference to

the allowance to the depositor of ⅞ of an ounce to every 100 ounces of Metal. I agree with Mr Rhett in the points suggested, but it seems proper that I should communicate with the Department before altering the regulation in question.

The bond of Mr James H. Aikman you forwarded to me is inaccurate in form. I have caused one to be prepared in the form heretofore adopted. In reply to the remark that you are unable to find any law which requires the approval of the Director to the bonds of the Officers and Clerks of the Assay Office I would observe that the 15th Sect. of the Assay Office law already cited extends to your Office all the laws relating to the Mint &c. so far as applicable — and on the principle that the greater includes the less, the Act of March 3, 1835 may be regarded as in force; the 9th Sect. of which requires the bonds of the Officers & Clerks to be to the Satisfaction of the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully.

James Ross Snowden
Director Mint

Jam. F. Butterworth Esqr
Supt. Ind. Assay Office

M. U. S.
July 10. 1855.

Dear Sir-

The persons employed in the Coining department whose services will not be required, during ~~the time the~~ repairs are completed ~~to Complete~~ the repairs, now in progress, will be placed on the pay rolls at half the usual per diem ~~of~~ except such workmen as may be detailed for duty under the direction and Superintendency of Capt Lalcott Supt. of the Repairs of the Mint.

This order will take effect on Monday next, the 16th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jno. K. Childs Esq.
Chief Coiner,
U. S. Mint

July 20, 1860.

Dear Sir,

The workmen in the Melting & Refining department whose services will not be required whilst the repairs now in progress are completed, will be placed on the pay rolls at half the usual per diems, except such persons as may be detailed for duty under the direction and superintendency of Capt. Talcott Supt of the repairs of the Mint.

This order will take effect on monday next the 23d inst

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

L.C. Booth Esqr.
Melter & Refiner,
U.S. Mint.

July 10. 67.

Dear Sir,

The persons employed in the coining department whose services will not be required, whilst the repairs now in progress are completed, will be placed on the pay rolls at half the usual ~~pay~~ except such workmen as may be detailed for duty under the direction and superintendency of Capt Talcott Supt of the repairs of the Mint.

This order will take effect on Monday next the 16th inst

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint

Geo. K. Childs Esqr.
Chief Engineer.
Mint.

To
John Adams
late Watchman at
the Mint.

Certificate of
good character

July 10, 1835.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 10th 1835

This is to certify that Mr. John Adams was employed in the Coining Room of the Coining Dep.t of the Mint for a number of years past. His health was such for he was unable to perform the Labors of that room. He was then transferred to the night watch, which duty he has performed for about 2 years past. From that duty he has been relieved in Consequence of his age, it being considered expedient that a person of greater physical Strength and vigor should occupy that Station. I make this Statement to show that Mr Adams has been relieved from duty at the Mint not on account of any want of Confidence in his integrity

and

July 13 [illegible]

Dear Sir,

The work published by Messrs Eckfeldt & Dubois to which you refer in your letter of the 11th inst. is no longer for sale. I understand the edition is entirely exhausted. The cent recommended in my last report to the President has not been issued, because Congress failed to pass a law authorizing it. I hope we shall have some legislation on the subject at the next session, as I am anxious to improve the cent by reducing its weight and substituting a Composition less oxidable than pure Copper.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant,
J. R. Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint

Mr. Charles D. Sanford,
Williamstown
Massachusetts.

P.S. I have to apologize for addressing you as a Esq. but I hope I have only anticipated the title!!

Williamstown July 10 '55

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged to you for that document & the information conveyed in your letter. I am sorry to trouble you again but I would like to ask if a book entitled "Eckfeldt & DuBois on coins of Gold & Silver of all nations Struck within the past Century. Published at the Assay Office of the Mint Philadelphia 1842" is for Sale or distribution (gratuitous) & for sale please inform me of the price and if for distribution please send me a Copy. I will send the amount of the postage

Yrs Truly
Chas. Stanford.

P.S. Dont direct your answer Prof C.B. Sanford as you did on ~~that~~ document as I am only a Student and not a Professor. If you write me please inform me if those said cents are in circulation. I haven't seen any up this way.

Esq. Charles E. Sanford
Williamstown
Mass.

July 11. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. I have to state that no coins can be procured at the Mint, nor are the specimens being only retained for the Mint Cabinet.

I believe there were no cents struck in 1815, although I have heard of some of that date, but they were altered from 1813 for fraudulent purposes. There were cents struck in 1793 and 1799 but they are very rare; at a recent auction sale I noticed that cents of 1793 brought 80 cents, and the cent of 1799 brought $2.25.

The liberty-cap was placed behind the head on the half-cent of 1793 and the cent of same date.

By the mail of today I send you a copy of my last annual report, in which are some brief remarks on it which may be interesting to you.

Yours Respectfully,
[illegible]
Director of the Mint.

Mosul May 16. 1855

My dear Sir

Yours of March 14 to Dr A. Leibold did not reach me until after his decease. The $200 accompanying the letter is received and I will endeavour to carry out the requisits of your letter as to its expenditure if life & health are spared. Although we have declined purchasing cupric coins supposing Mr Layard to be of little interest to the U.S. but my impression is that I shall be able to get for you a pretty fair variety. The Antiquities to which Dr L's letter referred is in my possession but not yet purchased. I think I shall be able to get it as low as $30.

An answer to your query as to how these coins are brought to light - I must say - it is rath-

difficult to give or obtain any
precise intelligence in reference
to particular coins. For general
reasons. Truth is a practical vir-
tue is unknown in their part-
& however plausible & connected
an account it might be given
we are compelled to more than
suspect that it is a forgery. The
people act upon the principle
that time will always bring
advantage accrue from a lie

Another reason is that the Turk
ish govt claims as its own all
discovered treasures whether antique
or modern & hence if a man is
so lucky as to stumble upon a
prize he exchanges it little by
little into current money, acqui-
escing as few as possible with
his discovery

Again having no confidence
in themselves, they have none in
any body else. Having no desire
for knowledge except they can make
something by it - to them it is in-
credible that one should wish to
know how & where & when a
coin or coins were discovered
unless for some sinister end

In general we know that
occasionally jars are found,
sometimes by the ploughsher in
the field, sometimes by the
shepherd in the Mt. washed out
by the rains sometimes in or
under the ruins of an old build
Mount Place found at Khorsabad
in his excavations two cuneiform
covered plates of the size of 18 and
stereotype plates but a little
thicker one gold one silver &
written on both sides. I should
there are 20 persons in this region
who know it & I do not think he
has yet published it in France but

I don't know. Things finished are very apt to get back here & would make him trouble, though acting with the Sultan's permission.

I was here two years before a single Alexander was offered me for sale. About that time I met a second copy at Mardin. Returning from Diarbekir I learned that in pulling down to rebuild an old church near Jezireh a pot of money was found. From 12 to 18 mos after that, Alexanders began to be offered 2 or 3, then 5 or 6 at a time, till among us we had bought about 30. But we could never learn certainly whether they came from Jezireh. A month since we were offered two wh the holder obtained in Sinjaar where he said a shepherd found a pot containing 300.

It is quite certain that some months will pass between the discovery & any offer for sale. They are usually sold to silversmiths

to be worked up & we buy as many as we can & pay as high as we can afford to break up that habit and this really answers your query as to the coin market. There is no fixed price. An oriental never has any price to any thing. He is "your slave" & "you may have it for what you please". My way is usually to weigh the coin & then offer from once to once & a half or 2/3 its value as metal. If he takes up my offer readily: next time I offer less & so on till I fail to get them or force & then I conclude I have gone too low & raise a little. I can now generally get them and about as cheap as they can be got and usually it is about 1½ its value as silver. Gold coins I have never felt able to buy. You will infer that I am not — "read up" as to the relative value of diff^t coins & simply because I have not hitherto been able to procure any work

on the subject. All the coins I have hitherto
bought have been merely for keepsakes
for friends.

The first Arsinoë wh was brought
here, was bought by the dragoman
of the Eng. Consul. The seller declared
most positively there was but one
& that he would not take one cent less than
$50. & it cost him $40 & and this story
was repeated dozens of times. H offered
$20. The dragoman got it for $30 or
less and we know now that at the
least six were found. [illegible]

You say nothing about Copper
Copper coins, but as these are to
be procured for from one to two
cents ea. I will buy many for
you. Truly Yours

S. W. Williams

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U.S. Mint

My present expectation is to visit the U.S.
next spring, & if I do, I will bring with
me (D.V.) whatever I may be able to procure
for your collection.

Williamstown July 9 1833

Dear Sir

I write to find if cents of the years 1793, 1815, & 1799 can be obtained at the mint. I have cents of every year they have been coined up to 1833 (the first I believe was in 1793) Except those above mentioned. If you have any in your possession which you can easily spare I should like to have you send them to me. If you cannot obtain them please inform me of the reasons of their scarcity or give me any other information respecting them which would prove of interest to one engaged in collecting coins &c. I would also ask if there were any half-cents coined with a liberty cap behind the head like cents of the date of 1795 & 96. If there are any please send me one or two of those also. The postage stamps enclosed will I suppose cover the expenses of sending &c

Yrs Truly

Charles D Sanford

Address

Charles D Sanford

Williams College

Williamstown

Mass.

Exchange Bank
Louisville, Ky. July 7th 1855

Treasury U.S. Mint
Phila

Sir I have a lot of old
Silver consisting of Spanish & Mexican
Dollars. Half & quarters. and five
Franc pieces — Please inform
me what amount of this Silver
you give to the dollar for the
above coin if sufficient to
justify me will send you what
I have —

Yours Resp
A.B. Woodcock

Treasury Department
July 7 1856

Sir

The account of Mr Troemner for balance & weights furnished the depository at Norfolk referred to in your letter of the 6th inst, was duly received and referred to the accounting offices for settlement where it has been prevented from receiving their usually prompt action by the great pressure upon them at the close of a quarter.

The account has been settled, a warrant issued thereon and I presume the Treasurer will send his draft in favor of Mr Troemner by the same mail which carries this.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt,

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Jas Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

No. 8

UNITED STATES MINT, July 7th 1855

To ~~Thomas M. Pettit~~, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure

Stationary for Weigh Room
1 Doz balls twine
1 Bottle of Castor oil
1 Bottle pen

David Harrison
Keeper

APPROVED,

J R S

Director.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office, July 7th 1855

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Your Account for
Ordinary Expenses for the Quarter ending the
31st of March 1855 has been adjusted at
the Treasury, and the balance in the Mint
found to be $33.413.71
Balance due the United States per
your Account 14.413.71

This difference $19.000.00
is explained by adding Warrant
№ 4768 dated May 2nd 1855. not yet
credited by you $19.000.00

Most Sincerely
Yours
E. Whittlesey.
Comptroller

July 6th 6

C R[illegible] Esq

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th Inst. I have to say that I will take the Rifles, mentioned, delivered here, at [illegible] 1.18 gold. Send me the description of boxes, nos & when and in what Steamer shipped and I will obtain from that Dept permission to enter it free of duty.

We may want more.

Yours truly

[illegible]

July 23, [illegible]

Sir,

I have been advised by Messrs Delarue & [illegible] of this [illegible] of the recent shipment by them of an adjusting balance for the [illegible] [illegible] that the package containing this balance should not be opened until its arrival at the Mint, but it should be injured, being of delicate construction, and in view of the uniform practice of the Department to allow articles for the institution to pass free of duty and without opening, I have to request that you will direct the Collector at New York to have the package referred to forwarded (on its arrival, about the 1st proximo) at once to the Mint by the Adams Express Co.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
pr. H. R. Linderman
Chief Clerk

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 23d, 1858

Sir,

I have been advised by Delessil & Pils, of Paris, of the recent shipment by them of an Adjusting balance for this Mint.

As it is important that the package containing this balance should not be opened until its arrival at the Mint, lest it should be injured, being of delicate construction, and in view of the uniform practice of the Department to allow articles for this institution to pass free of duty and without opening, I have to request that you will direct the Collector at New York to have the package referred to forwarded at once to the Mint by the Adams Express Co.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

Pr. H.R. Linderman

Director's Clerk.

July 6, 5.

Sir,

I enclosed to you on the 20th ult. Mr Freeman's bill for the balance recently ordered by you for the office of the Collector at Norfolk. Mr Freeman informs me that he has not received any intelligence respecting the payment of the above bill. I beg to call your attention to the matter and to request that a draft for the amount due may be forwarded to him.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Saml. Rose Shoemaker
Auditor

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Between Merrimack & Co
New Hampshire Aug 26 55

Wm. W. Snowden Esqr.

Dear Sir.

I am trying to form a complete set of U.S. Mint pieces, or rather of the silver and copper of them. And addressing you as a private citizen I would like to ask if you can send me, to complete my set, U.S. silver dollars of 1836. 38. 39 1850. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. any or all of these dates, if so for what price per dollar in gold I sending you the gold by mail and paying my own upon bill on the return dollars?

I want also half cents of 1840. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 52. 53. 55. Can you furnish any of these if so at what price?

For a U.S. dollar 1794 in fair condition I will pay $300

I am with the greatest respect.

Yours very truly

John C. Gilchell

Navy Office, Dec. 16, 1

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to state that the copies you request to be furnished with, cannot be conveniently obtained at the Navy Office.

I am, Sir, Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
Thomas Hyde Villiers.
Secretary to the Board of Navy.

John L. Gilchrist, Esqr.
Portsmouth,
New Hampshire.

Lucky 5th 8.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the 7th of March last I opened a Medal Account at the Mint, the account has been charged with the amounts received since that date for Medals, and credited with the expenses incurred for labor, materials &c. in their manufacture.

In accordance with your instructions I present herewith a statement of the above account for the quarter ending on the 30th ult?, which exhibits a balance of Four Hundred & Thirty $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars standing to the credit of the same.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

J. R. Snowden Director of Mint for the Medal Department.
Cr.

1855.			
April 7th.	By Amt paid for materials & labor [illegible] and upon medals for "Franklin Institute" of Phila. as per voucher marked "A"		329 90
" "	" Amt for ditto on medals for Mass. Med. Soct. [illegible] "B"		98 10
June 9th.	" Ditto Medals for Genl Scott per voucher	"C"	182 89
" 16.	" Ditto for " for Boston Schools	"D"	170 11
" "	" Ditto gold medal for Mass. Med. Soct.	"E"	448 91
			1104 60

Mint of the United States.
June 30th, 1855.

Director Mint U.S.

The Treasury Department of U.S. in account with

Dr.

1855.		
April 7th	To Amt. recd. from Franklin Institute (Phila.) for 120 Silver & 70 copper Medals [illegible]	555.00
"	" Amt. recd. from Trust. Massachusetts Horticultural Society for 25 Silver and 70 copper medals	200.00
June 20th	" Amt. recd. from City of Boston for 200 Silver medals	222.00
" 21st	" " " Board [illegible] Genl. [illegible] for 88 [illegible]	72.50
" 25th	" " " Trust. Mass. Hortl. Socy. for 1 gold medal	55.00
		1104.50

Washington
3d July 1850

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
U.S. Mint Phila.

Sir,

By Adams & Co Express this day deposited to the Mint a small quantity of Gold, which I request may be coined, the certificate of deposite to be enclosed to Messrs Riggs & Co Bankers of this City, in my name —

And much oblige
Your Ob. Servant
Cadwalader Ringgold
U S Navy

dep. gold
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Answered
July 6th 1850

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

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TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA, No. 58 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

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" WILMINGTON.....Shearer's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
" BALTIMORE.....Post Office Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, West of Fifth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington July 3 1855

Rec'd, Philadelphia, July 3 1855 o'clock 55 min. P. M.

To James R Snowden
Director of the
U S Mint

The defalcation can
make no advance to
Mr Baker. Mr Brown
is authorized to make
Contracts for all the Acids
required for the Jeans.
at present prices requiring
rights of Reference. J

Upon these facts Mr
Maher can go or not
as he thinks fit.

James Guthrie

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Philada. July 3. 185

Hon. James Guthrie:
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

If the suggestion in my letter of the 30th *ultimo* is approved Mr. Maker will set out for California in the Steamer of the 5th inst. Please ~~inform~~ ~~me~~ state your views on the subject.

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S.M.

Copy of despatch
sent 9 o'clock 40 minutes
A.M.

Department of the Interior
July 23 1855.

Sir,

By mail of to day I transmit to you One hundred and thirty four coupon Tennessee 5 per ct. Bonds amounting to $2350, as per abstract enclosed.

Please collect the same and deposit the amount thereof for me to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on account of interest on Stocks held in trust by this Department for the benefit of the Indians.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
O. C. Gibbons
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Department of the Interior
July 6th 1853.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received inclosing a Certificate of deposite for $3.360, amount of coupons transmitted to you for collection with my letter of the 2d inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
[illegible]
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

From. Hon Robt McClelland
Sec Interior
Washington

Ack receipt of
Certificate of Deposit
for $3500 in Coupons.

July 9 1853.

Abstract of Tennessee five percent Coupon Bonds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of certain Indian Tribes the Interest on which is payable Semi Annually at Philadelphia, Pa.

No of Bond	Date of Bond	When Coupons made	Amount of Bond	Interest due every 6 mos
11	1 July 1852	1869	1000	$25
15	"	"	"	25
77	"	"	"	25
79	"	"	"	25
118	"	"	"	25

No of Bonds	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bond	Interest due Every six Months	No of Bonds	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bonds	Interest due Every six Months
925	1 July 1852	1871	1000	$25	1219	1 July 1852	1872	1000	$25
928	1 Jany 1853	1872	"	25	1237	"	"	"	25
929	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1252	"	"	"	25
948	"	"	"	25	1318	"	1873	"	25
949	"	"	"	25	1357	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
950	"	"	"	25	1365	1 July 1852	"	"	25
959	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25	1371	"	"	"	25
970	"	"	"	25	1373	"	"	"	25
971	"	"	"	25	1396	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
972	"	"	"	25	1403	1 July 1852	"	"	25
973	"	"	"	25	1405	"	"	"	25
1088	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1408	"	"	"	25
1090	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25	1413	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1091	"	"	"	25	1427	"	1874	"	25
1092	"	"	"	25	1433	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
1107	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1440	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1121	"	"	"	25	1446	"	"	"	25
1127	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25	1450	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
1137	"	"	"	25	1451	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1150	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1452	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
1162	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25	1456	"	"	"	25
1165	"	"	"	25	1464	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1179	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1468	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
1196	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25	1480	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1197	1 July 1852	"	"	25	1492	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25

Abstract of Tennessee Five percent Coupon Bonds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of Certain Indian Tribes the Interest on which is payable Semi Annually at Philadelphia, Pa:

No of Bond	Date of Bond	When Order made	Amount of Bond	Interest due every 6 mos
10	1 July 1832	1869	1000	$25
15	"	"	"	25
77	"	"	"	25
79	"	"	"	25
118	"	"	"	25
119	"	"	"	25
231	"	"	"	25
262	"	1870	"	25
273	"	"	"	25
274	"	"	"	25
287	"	"	"	25
295	1 Jany 1833	"	"	25
315	1 July 1832	"	"	25
332	"	"	"	25
1101	"	"	"	25
1108	"	"	"	25
1101	"	"	"	25
1117	1 Jany 1833	"	"	25
1123	"	"	"	25
1136	1 July 1832	"	"	25
1146	"	"	"	25

No of Bond	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bond	Interest due every 6 Months
1495	1 Jany 1853	1871	1000	$ 25
1501	1 July 1852	"	"	25
1504	"	1875	"	25
1505	"	"	"	25
1572	"	"	"	25
1576	"	1878	"	25
1577	"	"	"	25
1578	"	"	"	25
1639	"	"	"	25
1757	"	1881	"	25
1758	"	1881	"	25

134 Bonds Amounting Interest $3350

No of Bond	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bond	Interest due every 6 Months
7041	1 July 1852	1871	1000	$ 25
7045	"	"	"	25
7046	"	"	"	25
7050	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
7057	1 July 1852	"	"	25
8066	"	"	"	25
8118	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
8121	1 July 1852	"	"	25
8123	"	"	"	25
8241	"	"	"	25
8278	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
8282	1 July 1852	"	"	25
8413	"	"	"	25
8418	"	"	"	25
8451	"	"	"	25
8661	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
8772	1 July 1852	"	"	25
8852	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
8861	"	"	"	25
8975	1 July 1852	"	"	25
8977	"	"	"	25
8978	"	"	"	25
8979	"	"	"	25
9002	"	"	"	25
9003	"	"	"	25
9004	"	"	"	25

Cont'd Inv. Sheet

No of Bond	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bond	Interest due every six Months.
1133	1 July 1852	1871	1000	$ 25
1161	"	"	"	25
1162	"	"	"	25
331	"	"	"	25
332	"	"	"	25
362	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
363	1 July 1852	"	"	25
364	"	"	"	25
373	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
379	1 July 1852	"	"	25
388	"	"	"	25
389	"	"	"	25
609	"	"	"	25
617	"	"	"	25
629	"	1871	"	25
666	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
668	1 July 1852	"	"	25
675	"	"	"	25
650	"	"	"	25
651	"	"	"	25
687	"	"	"	25
691	"	"	"	25
692	"	"	"	25
693	"	"	"	25
1103	"	"	"	25
1106	"	"	"	25

Cont'd June 3/52

No of Bonds	Date of Bond	When Redeemable	Amt of Bond	Interest due every six Months.
1133	1 July 1852	1871	1000	$ 25 —
1161	"	"	"	25
1162	"	"	"	25
651	"	"	"	25
652	"	"	"	25
562	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
563	1 July 1852	"	"	25
564	"	"	"	25
573	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
574	1 July 1852	"	"	25
588	"	"	"	25
589	"	"	"	25
609	"	"	"	25
617	"	"	"	25
629	"	1871	"	25
666	1 Jany 1853	"	"	25
668	1 July 1852	"	"	25
675	"	"	"	25
650	"	"	"	25
651	"	"	"	25
687	"	"	"	25
691	"	"	"	25
692	"	"	"	25
693	"	"	"	25
703	"	"	"	25
736	"	"	"	25

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. and also the package containing 134 Coupons

Agreeably to your request I have collected the same and deposited the proceeds to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and herewith inclose the receipt of the Asst. Treas. U.S. therefor, viz: $3,300

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Saml Pope Saunders.
Loc. Col. U.S. Mint

Hon: R. McClelland
Sec. of the Interior
Washington City

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern & Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PREPAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA, No. 98 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Office in NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover Street and Irving House, Broadway.
" WILMINGTON.....Glazier's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH

Dated Washington July 5 1855

Rec'd, *Philadelphia*, 1 5 1855, o'clock, 18 min. M.

To J. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Sir :- The Coupons have been received at the Philadelphia Post Office and will doubtless be delivered this morning. If not delivered please call for registered package No. 21

R. McClelland
Secretary

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No. 251

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, July 5. 1855

I Certify That Com. Wm. Ellard Jr. Mgr. Snowden

has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States,

Sixty three hundred & fifty ——— 00/100 Dollars

on account of Interest on Stocks held in trust

for the benefit of the Indians for which

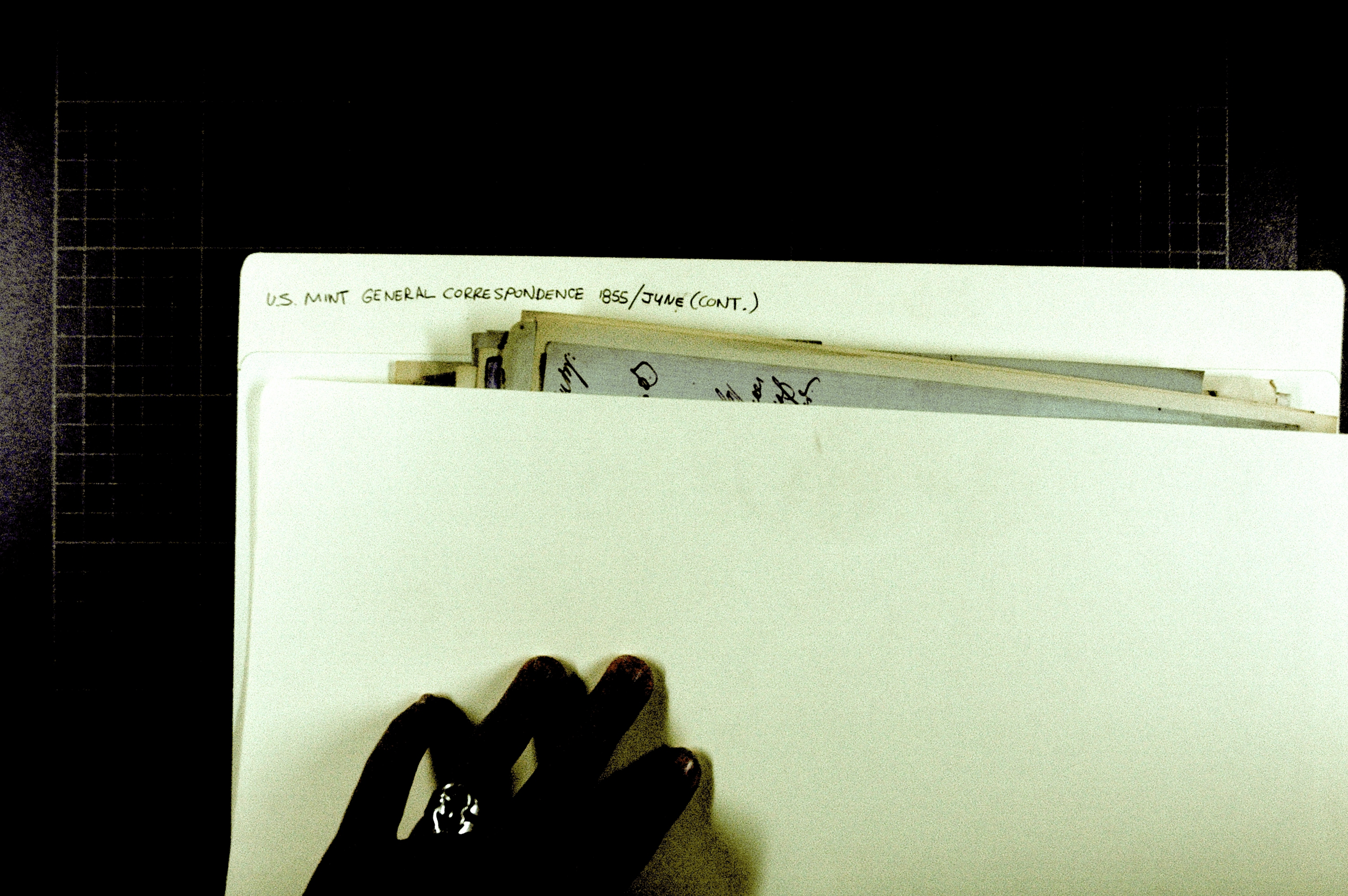
I have signed triplicate receipts.

Saml Morgan

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

$ 3,350

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/JUNE (CONT.)



June 30th, 18

Sir:

The monthly and quarterly examination of the affairs of the Mint and of its condition which I have just completed, shows a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this date the close of second quarter of the current calendar year — as exhibited by the books of the institution, of $1,405,565.44/100 which balance I have found by count to be composed as follows.

Gold fund	$568,413.67	
Silver Coinage	811,058.22	
Copper fund	4,800.00	
Ordinary	21,291.58	$1,405,565.44

The amount at the same time in the hands of the Ass. Treasurer U.S. was found by count to be ($466,660.02/100), agreeing with the balance as shown by his books of a/c.

An examination made of the books &c of the Mint generally, exhibits gratifying evidence of care and accuracy in the several departments, and of attention and fidelity to the interests of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury
Washington City

Baltimore June 5. 1855

To the Director of the US Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

We write to know if you wish to purchase an Ingot Copper made from Old Coin refining. We can supply about 100.000 pounds should be pleased to send you any quantity you may be pleased to order. We wish to get 27 cts for it deld at the Mint. We believe the Coin was of Swedish issue.

Yrs very respy
Thurston Goudesley
57 S Gay St

June 6th 5

Gentlemen,

In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to state that the Albert does not purchase Copper, except in the form of planchels properly prepared for coinage.

I am, Very Respectfully.
Sam Ross Snowden.
Director

Messrs Thompson & Ondeslayer,
No 57 South Gay Str.
Baltimore.

ORDER No. 9

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, 5 June 1855

Mr B. Hunter

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned. A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Bill please Line them 20 Large bags
with Coffee as you did them for Stella Ryan

H. L. Dorman Jr *Treasurer.*

☞ This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

To Treasurer of U.S. Mint. Boston. June 30th 1853.

Dear Sir,

Can we trouble you to inform us how much longer you will continue to receive Silver. We notice that there are reforms to take place soon, will this interfere with the silver departments, and if so how long?

Respectfully Yours,

Bennett & Co.

July 2nd. 6.

Gents:

In reply to your letter of 30th ulto. rec'd this morning, enquiring as to the discontinuance of purchases of Silver during the repairs to the Mint building, I have to state that there is at present no probability of the interruption of such purchases at the price fixed.

I am, very respectfully,
Yr. obt. Servt.—
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Messrs. Burnett & Co.
Boston.

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Chief Coiner's office U. S. Mint
Phila Jan 3d 18[illegible]

Dear Sir

I beg leave to Report that the duties for the past Month have been attended to by the officials with their usual punctuality and dispatch and meets my entire approbation.

I have completed the purchase of Sixty tons of Lehigh Coal for winter use at $4.[illegible] p ton

viz 40 tons of Large Lump
" 10 " " " Egg
" 10 " " " Stove
60 — from Mr. Thorne

I have also concluded an agreement with Mr. Ward to Hall away all the Rubbish that may accrue during the present Year at 25 cts per Load.

Respectfully Submitted by
Geo. K. Childs
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States
Phila June 30. 1855.

To Daniel Sturgeon, Treasurer

Charge "Silver bullion"
and credit the Melter & Refiner ~~as~~ his account
of Silver with Nine Hundred Ninety Eight
Dollars, being ~~amount of Silver Dollars restored~~
to the Treasury during the second quarter
1855, Viz.

And for so doing this shall be
your warrant

Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars restored
998 857.66

998
128
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128) 1097 8 (857.66
1024
738
640
980
960
20

857.66
128
68612 8
1715 32
857 66
1097 80 48
998.

July 10. 55.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, Sect. 2 I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the second quarter 1855.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, Oct. 1855.

For	Incidental & contingent Expenses	$12,098.01
"	Wages	21,632.35
"	Salaries, Officers & Clerks,	6,970.00
	Total	$40,700.36

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia.

June 1865.

Gold Bullion Deposited

June 30th, 65.

Sir:

I herein enclose the usual monthly Statement in duplicate of the Operations of this institution during the Month ending with to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon: James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of June 185 6.

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California, ...	$ 49 3.61 .50
Other sources, ...	$ 42,649.50
Total Gold Deposits, . .	$ 536,260.00

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases, ...	$ 207.00
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 43,2 6 0.00

Coinage

COPPER.

Cents, . . .	518,414 . . .	$ 5,184.14
Half Cents, . . .	. . .	
Total,		$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage, . .	536,260 . .	$ 536.260
Silver " .	1,138,800 . .	268.140
Copper, " .	518,414 . .	5.184.14
Total No. of pieces, 1,709,962	Total value,	$ 1,066,924.14

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 185

Director.

Coinage during June

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
~~Double Eagles.~~	———	$ ———
Eagles,	2,185.	21.850
Half Eagles,	32,104.	144,520
Quarter Eagles.	21,124.	52,810
Dollars,	196,824.	196,824
Total,	256,141	$ 492,650

SILVER.

Dollars,	10,000.	$10,000
Half Dollars,	315,500.	157,750
Quarter Dollars,	221,000.	55,250
Dimes,	345,000.	34,500
Half Dimes,	70,000.	3,500
Three Cent Pieces,	137,000.	411
Total,	1,130,500	$ 261,411

COPPER.

Cents,	513,414.	$ 5,134.14
Half Cents,		
Total,		$

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	256,141.	$ 492,650
Silver "	1,130,500.	261,411
Copper, "	513,414	5,134.14
Total No. of pieces,	1,899,962	Total value, $ 759,195.14

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 185

Director.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

June 28th 1855

Sir

I have rec'd. for the Adams Express Co. a package containing Abstract sheets of Gold bullion deposits, as mentioned in your letter of the 27th inst. for which you have my thanks, as the reception of these will give me sufficient time to have them properly prepared here, for future use.

In your Assay memorandum of Silver bullion, rec'd on the 26th inst, two of the numbers are reported to have contained Gold. Your statement I have referred to Prof. Torrey, the Assayer, for his examination, and I herewith inclose his explanation in regard to them.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Strugeon Sup
Treas U S Mint
Phila

Wm. L. Ellis Treasurer

U. S. Assay Office
New York, June 28th 1855

I. I Cisco Esq,
Treasurer &c

Sir

Upon your calling my attention to Silver Deposits Nos. 35 & 36 refused by the Treasurer of the Philadelphia mint to contain gold, & the latter differing seriously in fineness from my report. I examined my record, & can find no error.

I may observe that No. 35 was a deposit composed exclusively of 5 franc pieces; a currency in which gold has not been found within my own experience; nor, I am informed within

the experience of those who have been familiar with the Philadelphia Mint Assays for several years. None was obtained in this deposit by us. The finding of gold in this & the succeeding deposit (No. 26) as well as the increased fineness in the latter, would seem to indicate some mixing in the process of melting at the U. S. Mint.

I am Sir
Very respectfully Your
Obt. Servt
John Torrey
Assayer

EXCHANGE OFFICE OF MILTON P. PEIRCE,
93 BANK STREET.

Cleveland Ohio. Jan 23 1865

Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me when the New One cent Coin will be issued, and in what quantities

Yours truly

Milton P. Peirce

Please direct to Box 1840,
Cleveland Ohio
M. P. P.

Jan 27 5

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d inst. I have to state the new cent of which you speak is only a proposed cent, and before it can be issued from the mint must be authorised by an act of Congress. I have forwarded a proof of a law on the subject. The new cent weighs 96 grains instead of 168 the present cent and is composed of copper 95 parts, tin 4 "

zinc 1

100

I think it would be an improvement, and I confess I am anxious to get rid of the present cumbrous and badly executed cent.

Yours Respy

James Ross Snowden
Director

W. P. Pierce Esq.
Cleveland Ohio.

June 27th 5

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 25th inst. The silver mentioned was brought to the mint to-day by the agent of Adams & Co. who will attend to [the] delivery of the proceeds to Messrs Drexel & Co. as requested by you.

The amount of the deposit is dollars 505.90

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Thomas J. Barclay Esq.

Greensburg
Westmoreland Co
Pa

June 27th. 5.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 25th. inst., relative to the the trotyped medal in your possession, had been received.

I agree with you, that the explanation of the former Treasurer of your Society, furnished the solution of the question, and am much gratified to have the explanation thus furnished.

I am, very respectfully
& truly yours,

Saml. Rbt. Snowden
Director

M. R. Leslie, Esq:
Isabella St. Norfolk Sq.
Boston.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

June 26th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing Assay Memorandum (not yet examined) for Unparted Silver bullion. transmitted for Coinage on the 18th inst: also for The Adams Express Co. of $8.096.26 in Silver dollars $8.077. Gold Coins & change $19.26 & The same has been passed to your Credit.

If you can forward me fifty Gold Abstract Sheets (more or less) of The Kind now in use, you will oblige me by so doing. or inform me to The Contrary. that I may have time to prepare them here.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Wm. J. Ellis

Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq

Treas. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

New York June 26th 1855

Mrs Jones & Wild

Sir.

I Understand by the death of my Sister Julia A. Berrian. that there is some Money Deposite in the Mint at Philadelphia it is about three years ago that She Called down town in this City New York and gave you two Bags of Gold Dust. the Largest Bag Contained after Smelting three thousand three Hundred and thirteen Dollars which She Received. I Will Send this Memorandum of Gold Bullion plese Send it Back to me and all the particulars of the Leson Bag of gold Dust by her during Request We Ware told to Receive it plese tell Us the amount. I think She said that there Was about two thousand Dollars of Gold Dust. We enquired for Mrs Jones & Wild in New York City and they told us that you was at the Philadelphia Mint plese Rite all the particulars Consering the amount of Money.

Yours Respectfull

Edmund & Eliz Berrian

No 95 Bedford St. Cor of Carmine St

To

Mrs Jones & Wild

of Philadelphia

Mint

June 28th 5.

Sir,

As the end of the current quarter is approaching I have to call your attention to my letter of the 13th inst asking for a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint payable out of the appropri- [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Assistant Treas. U.S. informs me that the balance in the general fund in his office is small. I therefore suggest that the draft asked for be made payable out of the bullion fund of the Mint.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt servant.

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 20th. 6

Sear Sir:

Your letter of 18th inst., enclosing check for $65. on the Vermont Bank, has been duly received. Herewith I return to you the bill for the Gold medal ordered for your society, with receipt attached.

I am respectfully
Yours &c.

James Ritchie Thornton.
Assistant

W. J. Austin Esq.
Treasurer
Massachusetts Horticultural
Society — Boston.

June 6th 1846 6

Massachusetts Horticultural Society
In account with
The Medal Department
of the Treasury of the United States

1846
June. To One Standard Gold Medal for Society $ 50.00

Received payment of W. J. Austin, Esq. Treasurer of the Society

James Ritchie Thornton.
Assistant Treasurer.

Custom House, Norfolk
Office of Depository
June 25. 1855

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt at this office of the balance weights for weighing gold & silver, manufactured under the direction of the Mint of the U.S. by authority of the Treasury Department.— All in good condition

I am, very respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
P. Sawyer
Depositary

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Boston June 25. 1855.

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few lines last Saturday (23) enclosing my check for $55 which I trust went safe and was satisfactory to you — I have to thank you for your prompt attention to the subject matter of my last communication & am happy to be able to report a solution of the mystery. The Treasurer who preceded me is now permanently established in San Francisco, but the one before him I have seen, & he says he is under the impression that some of the Silver medals were electrotyped as an experiment, or to please the artist, or were sent out from England with others, as specimens he could not recollect how, or which, nor is it of any consequence. So long as the main fact is established, I felt quite certain as soon as I read your letter, that this must be the case it being impossible to have occurred at the mint I am very sorry to have given you so much trouble but you will readily understand my position when I tell you these medals were handed over to my charge as gold medals & I knew we had never given out any such prize as an electrotyped medal — fortunately the only two gold

medals awarded since 1849 (when I assumed the duties of Treasurer), were requested to be made of pure California gold & accordingly I ordered them from Mr. Peale, at dates corresponding with his Statement; the first one at a cost of $70. the second one $40 — on examining my books back to 1849. I find charged Augt 29th 1849 1 Gold medal $70

Sept. 12 " 1 do do 40

Augt. 15. 1851. 25 Silver medals @ $5 each

March 8. 1852. 50 do do @ do do

" " 50 Bronze $1.50-

corresponding precisely with Mr. Peales Statemt.

previous to 1849 I cannot find any account whatever of medals & those used, if any, must have been from England, or made here in Boston & charged among miscellaneous items of expence — at that time the medals were kept by one of the Vice Presidents as the By laws of the Society did not assign that trust to the Treasurer —

Hoping this explanation will be sufficient & satisfactory

I remain Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Wm R. Austin
Treas Mass Hort Society

Philad: June 19th 1855

Mess Wortal Esq
for [illegible] Austin Esq
W.R. Treasurer

Dr to the Medal Department
of the Mint of the U.S.

For One Standard Gold Medal $[illegible]5.00

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Boston June 23. /55

Dear Sir

Herewith please find check on Tremont Bank for amt above bill which please receipt & return at your leisure — the medal is safe in my hands but I have not yet opened it — shall write you in a day or two upon the subject of your last communication

Respectfully Yours
B R Austin Tr

Greensburgh Penna
June 25 1855

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

I forward pr. Adams Ex. One thousand Dollars old silver to the U. S. Mint the proceeds of which you will please direct to be placed to my Cr. at Drexel & Co.

Respectfully Yours &c
Th. J. Barclay

Weight of Dep. 858.90 ozs. It holds out in ct.

Mr. Hunter will attend to delivering coin to Messrs Drexel & Co.

H.C. [illegible]

[illegible]

June 10 [illegible]

Sir:

Herein enclosed please find duplicate bill of Mr. Greenwood for the balance and weights ordered by you on the 26th ult. inst. for the office of the Collector at Norfolk.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

[illegible]

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of Treasury
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

June 23d 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22d inst, inclosing Assay Memorandum of fine gold bars transmitted for Coinage on the 18th inst.

Also for the Adams Express Co. of Thirty thousand & twenty & 33/100 th dollars in Gold Coins in payment for the same, which amount has been duly Credited to your A/c.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco Treasurer

P.S. The bags have been del'd by the Assist. Treas. U.S.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/APRIL

Philada April 16th 1856

W. N. Sturgeon Esq
(Treasurer U.S. Mint)

Sir

We enclose the statement of New Silver you sent us on 12th inst. & have over corrected. You will perceive by statement that you have us credited 793-000 @ $1.02½ pcs — $905.32/100. Should it not be $971.48/100, making $66.16/100 due us yet. Will Mr Sturgeon please give this his kind attention & oblige

Yours &c
D. Nicholson & Co

$971.48 Correct calculation
$905.32 Amt contained in bags forwarded us
$66.16/100 Amount due us

Amt op. check have been chgd 739.04

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

April 16th. 1856.

Sir,

I have forwarded to you this day, per the Adams Express Company, as per Statement and Receipt, three boxes containing thirty two Fine gold Bars weighing 8013.28 ozs. gold, Coin value $163.667.20, the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. J. Dez
Treasurer.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasr. U.S. Mint
Philada.

JOHN J. CISCO, TREASURER.

No. 65 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Three Bars, containing 5,213.25 Cozs. Gold Bullion.
" " Silver "
Parcel "
Amounting per Note value to $ 162,667.20
One hundred & Sixty three Thousand
Six hundred & Sixty seven 20/100
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, October 11th 1854
Adams Express Co. John Wells

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasury Department,

April 17th 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. advising of $250.497.22 in Gold Coins by the Adams Express Comp. and have placed the same to your credit.

Very Resp.y
Your Obt. Svt
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Phila.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 17th 1806

Nathaniel Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your Copper acct for the Quarter ending 31st March last

Very Respectfully
Your Obt: Svt:

J. L. Stanly
Auditor

Philada Apr 19/[illegible]

U. S. Mint

To James Black Dr.

2 Bush Sand 20 $0.40

Spike [illegible] 12

$0.52

Recd Paymt James Black

per T. H. McCandless

Towels 11 Feb

[illegible]

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 19th 1856

Sir

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the quarter ending March 31st 1856 is received.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
[illegible]
Auditor

Hon Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer
U.S. Mint
Philada

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
April 19th 1856

Sir

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the quarter ending March 31st 1856 is received.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
T. L. Smith
Audr

Hon Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer
U.S. Mint
Philada

17th April 6

Sir,

I enclose herewith receipted bill of Morris Tasker's for the precipitating tub recently furnished by him for your Office.

I am, very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

J.F. Butterworth Esqr,

Supt. U.S. Assay Office

N.Y.

From Hy Washington Esq
Washington

Introducing
Mr Smith
of N.Y.

April 22. 1856.

Washington
April 21 56

My dear Sir

Permit me to make
you acquainted with
Mr Asa Smith of New
York who will present
this note. Mr Smith
is accompanied by some
Ladies and the party
on their return, purpose
to stop at Balto and
desire to see your
beautiful Building &
its arrangements
Mr Smith is entitled
to your notice and
regard. and they to

Taunton Apl. 24. 1836.

Dan'l. Hunsen Esq.

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We have received your favor of the 18th Inst. Covering draft on New York for $3.254 22/100 as stated.

The defect complained of in Cleaning, may be accounted for by the dampness of the weather, as the blankets were made during the cold weather in the Winter.

We trust the next invoice of 15 Bags, which we have ready for shipment

will prove satisfactory,
as we have enjoined
on our man the importance
of having them perfectly
Cleaned -

We shall like to have
you to send to Willets & Co.
as many Cents as you can
spare - as we propose to
make another shipment very
soon, in addition to the
15 kegs above named -

Yours
Very Resp'y
Crocker Bro & Co

From
Crocker, Bro & Co
Taunton, Mass
Recd
Ap 22/56

Chemical Laboratory No. 107 Walnut Street
April 21st 1856.

Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director United States Mint

Sir.

Having been requested by several Gentlemen, interested in Gold Mining, to give my opinion as to the value of Mr. Kent's apparatus as a means to separate gold from its ores; I take the liberty to ask your permission to examine Mr. Kent's machine at a time when it is in operation at the United States Mint. The favor of an early reply is requested.

I remain,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Dr. F. A. Genth.

Recd. April 21.
Gave permission, by note
same day. J. R. S.

Treasury Department
April 7th 1856

Sir.

The collector of Customs at New York, has been directed to admit to free entry the 100 casks "Spelter" N.T. #4544 "Mugs." imported per ship "Ida Lark" for the use of the United States.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
P. G. Washington for the
Secy of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

[illegible]

Sir

I am inclined to erect a new [illegible] grinding machine for the use of the Mint and will thank you to furnish with the plan of one adapted to our use also estimate of the whole cost at which you will be willing to construct one and put it into successful operation.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]

of the firm of [illegible]

Phil.

Treasury Department
April 4. 1856.

Sir

Your letter of the 1st. inst. was duly received. Having in view the decrease of the business at the Mint the Department cannot consent to any increase of the expenditures - and, assuming the business done at N. York in the offices of the Asst. Treasurers and Treasurers of the Assay offices to be that done by the Asst. Treasurers and Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia the force would appear to be unnecessarily large at the latter place - and in the opinion of the Department five Clerks instead of seven would be sufficient for the transaction of the business.

I am very Respt.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Phila.

April 7. 6.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause your requisition in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Thirty six Thousand nine hundred and seventy five dollars, payable out of the appropriation for the Current fiscal year, viz:

Two Salaries	6,975.
Wages	12,500
Incidentals	15,000
Freight and Cullion	2,500
	$36,975.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States Philadelphia

United States

Benj Bolt Esq

Benj Bolt

Benj Bolt

Brandon

James Buchannan

His Excellency James Buchannan
President of the U. States

H R Linderman

N.Y.

Jno M

St. Louis April 7 [illegible]

To the President and Directors of
Philadelphia Mint, U. S.

Gentlemen

On the 11th day of June 1857, Myself, and my deceased partner Ernst Ottenkop at the U. S. Mint each a certain quantity of California Grains Myself according to Certificate of Deposit No 2233 — Net value 2454 [illegible]. The exact amount of Ottenkop's deposit I do not recollect, I come therefore with the prayer to let me know what amount of Money, deceased Ottenkop has yet with you. In June 1857 Ottenkop and myself went together to Europe; arrived in France I was taken up under the military law and was consequently kept in prison for 2 Months and besides had to put a man, as Substitute, in my stead and place to serve as a soldier in the french army. My partner during this imprisonment, went to his native country Hanover in Germany, remained there about 8 or 10 days, visited me in Jail and went back to or least intended to come back to America, but unfortunately died on sea, on his passage from Liverpool to New York. I was Ottenkop's partner which case I can prove by witness —

The only answer I would now like to hear from you is the following, to wit:

1. Have you at any time been made aware of the death of Carl Ellenkop and by whom?

2. Did you at any time receive any Papers belonging to C. Ellenkop, and was not amongst them a Certain Certificate of Deposit for $2000, issued by Banker Barton &c from Sacramento City, 1850 as near as I recollect?

3. Have equally the kindness to inform me what sum of Money C. Ellenkop has with you yet?

4. Please not let me wait for your answer, according to my several questions aforesaid.

Not willing to annoy you any longer I close my present, and in the hope of your favour

I remain your most
Obedient,
Francis Wanxng

Address:
Francis Wansong
St Louis
Missouri.

April 7th 1856

Berkshire Delaware County Ohio

To the principal manager or to the one that has charge of the affairs of United States Mint at Philadelphia Pa. (as I am not acquainted with any of your names) I would thus write a few lines to you concerning some gold dust which was forwarded to your mint by the American Express Co. from Delaware Ohio March [illegible] 1856 [illegible] Robinson & Langton being their Agents requesting it to be coined and returned by their address [illegible] way you [illegible] it after your usual charges are paid. The reason for my writing to you about it are these, I forwarded it on by said Co. and in their name, for which I hold their receipt for 12 oz 16 pwt. and was marked on the box $2115, It has now been some sixteen days since it was sent feeling anxious to know if it reached your Mint in safety and what the prospects are for returning it I would be a thousand times obliged to you if you would write me a few lines about it. I am in hopes it will be sent back all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you. If there should be any thing wrong about it I then would know what to [illegible] them about it. I want it coined and [illegible]

in which to have you possibly can [illegible]

[illegible] the last time what we requested you

to do with it was in haste as the [illegible] along with

the [illegible], a letter sent on the mail by

Dickinson & Son &c, I am well aware that

[illegible] a mistake [illegible] to you but [illegible]

[illegible] it to Dickinson & Son, and all will be

right. I hope I may not have occasion to trouble

you any more about it. Please write [illegible]

[illegible] County Ohio,

Yours Respectfully,

Geo. [illegible]

21 inst

* A deposit was made by Mr Dickinson on the 25th of month for B. Dickinson & Son (which mistake might have been made if the name had been written as it it is on 7th line of this page.) The dep. was pd. [illegible] on the 27th inst & Mr Harrison said was sent on immediately

H.G.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, April 6th, 1856

Sir:

I have carefully considered the points presented in your letter of the 31st ultimo, to which I was just replied on the 1st instant.

I may premise that there has been no increase in the official force employed in the Mint since the establishment of the branch Mint at San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York, unless the change in the position of the Assayer may be so regarded. The Melter and Refiner had an assistant for many years past, but he had not the official designation of Assistant Melter & Refiner, until his appointment as such on the 31st of December 1853. The reasons for this change were presented by the Melter & Refiner, with my concurrence, to the Department at the time stated.

There was one other change made, namely in the Weigh-room, by the transfer of one of the most reliable workmen to that room to act as foreman of deposits. This was done, under your advisement, as a matter of precaution in order to avoid mistakes or frauds and to protect depositors. This employé verifies the weighings of the Weigh Clerk and keeps a separate account of the same, and makes a monthly report to me. This system is a great improvement upon the practice before in use, and is fortunately rendering a valuable check in the ascertainment of the weight of the deposit and the kind of fineness which is received, and of great service in examining the details of the bills on the first melts. Besides these two changes, I may mention that Assistants in the Assay-room

Philada April 5th 1856

Mr Samuel C Scott

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th at hand. The marks and numbers are as follows.

N I & 4344 to 4493.

150 Bands Ingot Spelter.

Yours
N Rotherbe.

Copy

Mint U.S. Apr 5. 1852

Phila

Sir

I leave that 150 casks of copper shells, which I entered from Belgium for the Mint and the leave at San Francisco was sent at N.Y. in the Ship Sea Park. I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to direct that they be entered duty free. As soon as I am informed as to the marks upon the casks I will inform the Collr. at N.Y.

2 R.S

Hon J Guthrie
Sec Treasury

3 Circulars
3 "

U. S. Assay Office
Melter & Refiners Department
New York April 4th 1861

Sir,

The large wooden cistern in which the Chloride of Silver is precipitated, has now been in constant use since the opening of the office, and has consequently become so weakened by the acid, that I fear it will not be safe to use it longer than the time necessary to make another. It was made I believe by Mr Bird of Phila, and as I know of no person in this city who is competent to make another for such an important use, I have to ask that you will request the Director of the Mint to order one to be made in Philadelphia as before as soon as possible, so as to prevent accidents from the one now in use. The form is oval, and the dimensions are as follows. Bottom 12 ft long, by 9 feet wide. Top 11 ft. 2 in. long, by 8 ft. 9 in wide Height 4 ft. 10 inches. Staves 2 7/8 inches thick.
The above is outside measure.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Edward H Kent
Melter & Refiner

S. F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent.

U. S. Assay Office,
New-York, April 4, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a note from Mr. Kent, Melter & Refiner of this Office, by which you will see that one of the large wooden tubs for precipitating needs to be renewed.

May I trouble you to order one to be made?

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
B. F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

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CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
BISHOP SIMONS & Co.

SHIP AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

No. 36 North Wharves, Philadelphia.

U S Br Mint
San Francisco Cal

16 @ 30¢	$4.80
5% Primage	24
	$5.04

SHIPPED, in good Order and Condition by L Dallett & Co
on board the Ship called the Tigress
whereof Lawrence is Master for this present Voyage, and now lying in the Port of
PHILADELPHIA, and bound for SAN FRANCISCO.

Six Boxes Soap

Being marked and numbered as in the Margin; to be delivered in the like good Order and Condition at the aforesaid Port of SAN FRANCISCO (the dangers of the Seas, Fire and Collision excepted,) unto Dr Bott or to
Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods
Four 80/100 Dolls
with five per cent. Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

☞ *Goods to be received at the Vessel's Tackles when ready for delivery. Not accountable for Breakage, Leakage, Cooperage or Rust. Freight payable before delivery if required.* CONTENTS AND WEIGHT UNKNOWN.

Dated at PHILADELPHIA, the 4th day of April 1856

Smith. C. Cox

Bank of Orleans
Albion Orleans Co N.Y.
April 4 1856

Sir

I enclose my Draft on New York for $500 for which I would like to have forwarded me by Express the value in Quarter Dollars

Yours resp'y

H. A. King
Prest

Director U.S. Mint

8th April

Deposited in Girard Bank, a/c of R.P. for collection

Draft Bk. of Orleans, Albion, on Mercantile Bank, New York for $500. dated April 4/56 signed H. A. King, Prest

in favor of Treas. Mint

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 4, 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d inst. Enclosing Assay Nos. of Gold Bullion forwarded on the 28th. also receipt of the Adams Express Co. for $100,000. in Gold Coins, which have arrived, and your account credited with the same, the Express Co having redeemed on California gold piece for $10.— returned to you.

I will thank you to transmit a statement of your account with this Office to the 31st Ult.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Stinger Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 4th 1856

Statement of Coin Received from the U. States Mint Philadelphia, By Wm Adams Express Co for $100.000 #.

United States Mints Coin	$ 99.990. #/4
1 California piece "Not Recognized by Government" $10 —	10
	$ 100.000

Respectfully &c

E. K. Prime

[illegible]

April 9th

Sir,

I herewith enclose the [illegible] monthly report of the [illegible] at the close of the last month, the end of the first [illegible] of the [illegible] calendar year, in the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] by the Superintendent of that [illegible] and [illegible] by that [illegible] mail.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

[illegible]

Hon. James Guthrie,

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington City

Medal Fund 789.02
17.30 Ch
771.47 [illegible]
2640.00 N.O.
1.99
36.81

4199.62
789.02

3410.62
98.01

$3,312.31 Bk. Min

789. Medal Fund

620 Med Fund

37.50
2800.00
1825.0

3020000

162.50
35.
620.00

817.50
150.00

967.50
3,020.00

37.50
2980.00
250

3,520000

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 183 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Box containing ..... Gold Bullion.

Eleven " " } 2056.71 Ozs. Silver "

One Parcel " }

Amounting in Note value to $27,939.33

Twenty Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred & Thirty nine 33/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 3rd 1854

Adams Express Comp. J. Pollock

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 3rd 1856

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Co. a Receipt and Statement. Eleven boxes & One parcel containing two fine silver bars. Weighing 21.563.77 Ounces gross, and amounting in value to $27939.33 @ $1.22½ per Oz. the receipt of which please acknowledge.

I will thank you to make your remittances for the same as follows.

Half dollars	$	5.000.
Quarter "		15.000.
Dimes		4.000.
Half "		3.939.33

I shall be pleased to receive at your earliest convenience Assay Warrt for gold bullion forwarded on the 28th ult.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Stringham Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
April 2nd 1856.

Daniel Stingon Esqr
Treasurer of the United States Mint
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion for the Quarter ending December 31st 1855. has been adjusted at the Treasury and the following found to be the balance in the Mint at that date viz.

Gold Bullion Oz	200.721.297.	$3790.163.65	
Silver ditto	1370.567.030	1540.553.24	
Gold Coins (including Assay Coins $2.160)		101.516.50	
Silver " " "	$102.42	477.090.55	
Total balance		$5.963.623.94	

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Wheelsey
Comptroller.

United States Assay Office
New York, April 2, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report to the Department of the monthly examination, made on the 31st ult., of the funds of the Treasurer of this Office.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
John F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Rowland,
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 2nd 1836

Dear Sir

In order that I may reply to some points proposed for enquiry by the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to request your views whether by a more distributive of the duties assigned to the Clerks Assistants and Weighers in your Branch of business, the number of the same cannot be reduced without prejudice to the proper dispatch of business.

In connexion with this enquiry, please state to the Department performed by each assistant, Clerk and weigher in your departments, and whether the enforcement of regular official hours such as are observed at the Departments at Washington, and prescribed for the Custom houses, would enable us to reduce the number of Clerks assistants and Weighers.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. R. Snowden.
Director

Asst. D. Sturgeon
Assay Master

U. S. Mint
Melting & Refining Department.
Phila 1. April. 1856.

Dear Sir

In conformity with your request to inform you of the official force and duties of this Department, with a view to its possible reduction, I beg leave to state:

That there are two officers, a Melter & Refiner, and an Assistant Melter & Refiner, who also perform all the necessary clerical duties of the Department.

That, altho' the Refining operations, being applicable to Gold in its native state, have materially diminished, in consequence of the establishment of the Branch Mint in California, and the Assay Office in New York, — yet the alloying of gold for coinage still occupies the officers in calculations and weighings, & its melting requires a force of workmen.

Since the operations upon gold have diminished, the preparation of silver for coinage, occupies more time and force, than when the refining of gold was in its most active state.

The other official duties of this Department are: Superintendence of weighings in the transfer of bullion, when either the principal or assistant is always present to note the weights; — keeping accounts of all bullion received and delivered, and a comparison of their aggregate weights & values with the accounts of the Treasurer; — purchase of materials and

Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office, April 8th 1876

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in reference to inquiries propounded by the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the feasibility of a new distribution of business and a reduction of the Clerks in the Mint.

In answer to the first part of your inquiry, I would state that in my opinion the force in my department cannot be reduced in detail prejudicial to the proper despatch of business, and injury to the interests of the government. Although the amount coined here does not reach that of a few years back, yet the routine of business is the same, and the calculations on the small deposits are the same as those on the large ones.

In regard to the present distribution of business, I mean, that my chief clerk attends to the general correspondence, the settlement of the Ordinary accounts, the copper ofs, &c. Another attends to the Bullion accounts. A third makes the calculations of deposits. A fourth prepares the memorandums for the depositors of the reported value of their bullion, takes the depositors receipts on the warrants and pay-book, registers the receipts &c. A fifth has charge of all payments. A sixth receives and weighs the bullion from depositors, and that passing to and from the operative offices. Besides himself, there are two employés in the weighing room; one assists in weighing & handling, the other weighs and records the weights before and after melting and reports monthly to the Director. The latter was employed &, as I understand, under directions from the Secretary to give greater security to the government and depositors.

I am not informed what the regulations are at Philadelphia or

the Custom House departments, but I can say that my clerks are regular in their attendances from 9 o'c till 3 instants exceptions.

very respectfully yours

Danl. M. Fenycon
Treasurer

Hon. Jas R. Snowden
Director &c.

Mint of the United States
Chief Coiners Office, 3 April 1836

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 2nd. inst. relative to the inquiry from the Treasury Department in respect to "clerks, assistants and weighers" and in regard to the feasibility of reducing the number of the same.

In my department, one employé alone performs the duties of assistant, clerk and weigher. His employment is absolutely indispensable. The duties devolved upon him are, generally, to assist the Chief Coiner, but more particularly to attend to the weighing of bullion delivered to or by me, to record such transactions in the proper books; to deliver & receive the bullion in the various operations of coinage, and to check by weighings the correctness of these operations, all of which be records in the Books of Entrings; to keep a record of the time of the several workmen, and to report the same; finally, to prepare for the Director from time to time, Statements of our operations.

Under the 3rd section of the Mint Act of January 18th 1837, it appears that the appointment of an Assistant to the Chief Coiner is authorised and contemplated by law. From the recapitulation of the duties as above enumerated, it is evi-

dent that the person who performs them is, in strictness, an Assistant Coiner, although he has never been designated to such an Office, and is paid a per diem on the Workmen's Roll. It appears to me every way proper that his true position should be officially recognized. The Assayer and Melter & Refiner have been allowed Assistants, under the law referred to, and there is no reason why the Chief Coiner is not equally entitled.

I shall deem it a favor, therefore, if you call the Secretary's attention to this subject, and (if you approve of it) ask his consent to the designation of Mr. Geo. W. Hall, the present assistant in fact, to the office of Assistant Coiner, under the 3rd. section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837; - his salary to be $1500. the same now received by the other assistants. As he is now paid $4. a day, or $1248. per annum, the increased expense to the Mint growing out of this change will be trifling, and the compensation will be eminently due to the untiring and efficient services which he renders to the Institution.

Very respectfully yours

Hon J. R. Snowden
Director &c

Geo. F. Thilas
Chief Coiner.

apparatus, and their repair; — arrangement and distribution of work; — and in general, constant watchfulness over the interests of Government and Depositors, with which the personal interests and liabilities of the officers are intimately blended.

I think it will appear from the foregoing, that the duties and responsibilities of the Melting and Refining Department, charged with all the bullion received by the Mint, during its passage through various chemical and mechanical operations, are too onerous for a single individual, while it must be evident that the interests of Government and Depositors are more effectually protected by more than one officer.

While therefore the official force of this Department could not be reduced with the present business of the Mint, without detriment to the effectiveness of the Institution, and prejudice to the public service, — I am persuaded, that under a greatly diminished business, the present organization would greatly contribute to the security of the Government and of Depositors.

Very Respectfully
yr obt Svt
Jas C. Booth
Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director
United States Mint

Mint of the United States Philad.a April 3. 1836

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your note of yesterday requesting my views, "whether by a new distribution of the duties assigned to the Clerks, Weighers, and assistants in my branch of business, the number of the same cannot be reduced without prejudice to the proper despatch of business &c." In reply to which, I beg to remark, that there are not any Clerks or Weighers employed in my department of the public business: and that there are at present but four workmen (or assistants) so employed; which number, I do not think could be reduced without prejudice to the proper despatch of business, by any new distribution of the duties respectively assigned to them.

In connexion with this inquiry you request me to "state the duties performed by each assistant, &c. To which I have to reply, that the duties of one, are restricted to engraving; and the other three are employed in preparing the dies used in the coinage: such as, turning, hardening, tempering &c.

I do not know what difference there may be between the official hours required at the Departments in Washington, and those observed in the Mint: The workmen in my department, I have reason to know, are faithful in complying with all the time regulations established in the Mint, unless prevented by sickness; and I cannot suggest any change in this respect which would enable us to reduce the number at present employed, without detriment to that branch of the public service with which I am specially charged.

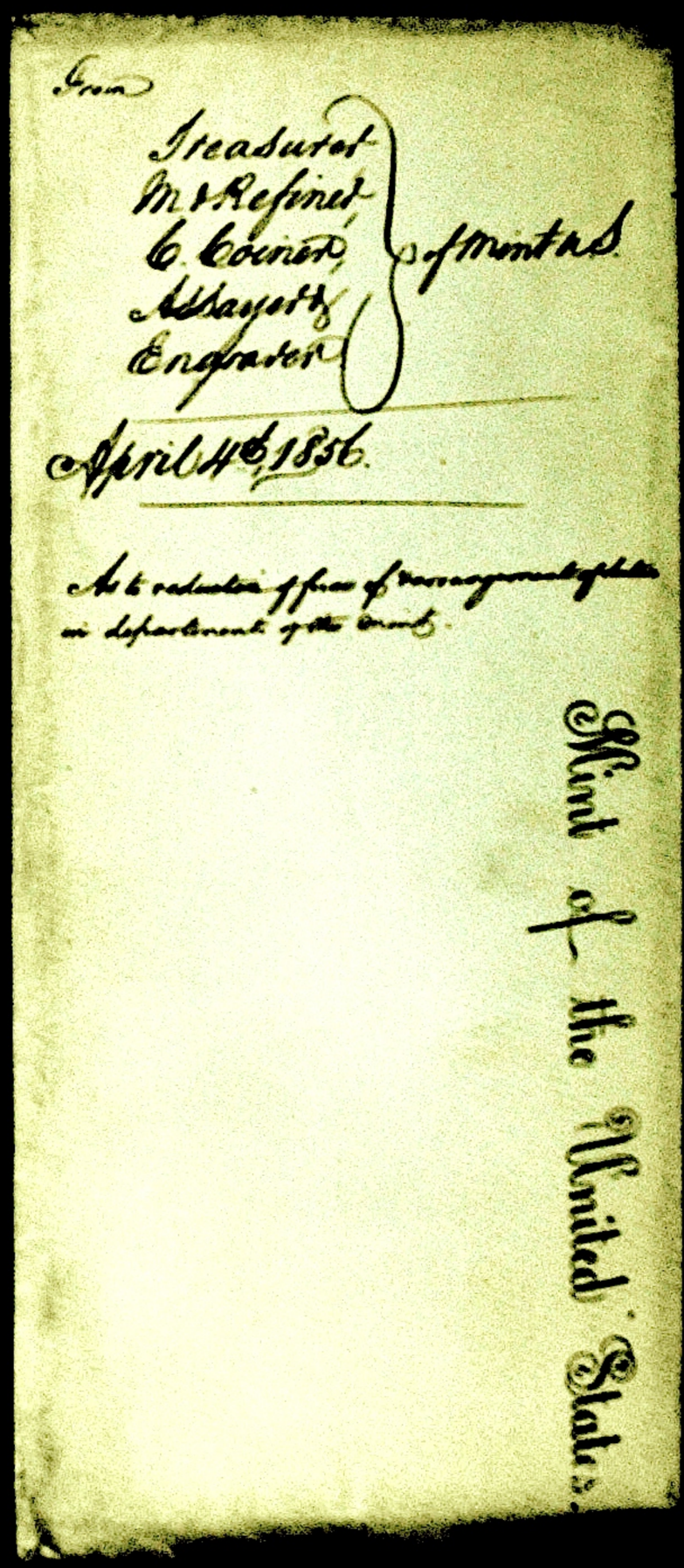
It may not be improper to remark further, that the preparation and engraving of all the dies used in the coinage of the Mint and the Branch Mints devolves upon my department; and the demand for the supply of working dies for the branch at San Francisco alone, is now very considerable; and that previous to the establishment of that branch, the demand in one year had exceeded thirteen hundred (1300) dies for the Mint and Branches; and therefore instead of being diminished, correspondingly with any other operations in the coinage;

the labour in my department has materially increased: and the business requiring peculiar skill throughout the accidental inability at this time of a single individual amongst those now employed, is sufficient to create apprehension in respect to the facilities now possessed in the department of the Engraver for the proper despatch of business for which no other provision is made.

Very Respectfy
Your Obt Servt &c.

James B. Longacre
Engraver

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director


From
Treasurer
M.t Refiner
& Coiner
Assayer &
Engraver
of Mint U.S.
April 4th 1856.
Mint of the United States.

Mint of the United States.

Assay office

Philadelphia, April 3 1856

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiries of yesterday, I would state, that the present force of the Assay department consists of the principal Assayer, Assistant Assayer, three young men in the weighing-room, and three workmen in the laboratory. the number in each room having been materially reduced by transfer to the New York assay office, and the Branch Mint at San Francisco.

In regard to the division of labour, each one has a particular round of duties assigned him: but this is modified and changed, from time to time, to suit the exigencies of business, and to oppose the

capabilities of the persons employed.

Myself and assistant, besides supervising the work of the rest, take a part in the labours ourselves, as occasion may require, whether in the office or laboratory.

The business of assaying gold and silver critically, especially where we have to prepare most or all of our materials, is composed of a large diversity of operations, and not proportioned to the amount of bullion operated upon; since a million of dollars in one form, may make as much work (in our department) as ten times that amount in another form.

I do not believe that any better distribution of labour or time could be planned at present, or that any diminution of force would be consistant with the wants of the office.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

James R Snowden Esq
Director

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 1st 1836.

Dear Sir,

In order that it may apply to some point intended by the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to request your opinion, whether by a new distribution of the duties appropriated to the Clerks, Assistants and Weighers in your Branch of business, the number of the latter cannot be reduced without prejudice to the proper dispatch of business.

In connexion with this inquiry, please state the duties performed by each Assistant, Clerk & Weigher in your department: and whether the enforcement of regular official hours, such as are observed at the Departments at Washington, and prescribed for the Customs houses would enable us to reduce the number of Clerks, Assistants and Weighers.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
J. R. Snowden
Director

To The Treasurer
Melter & Refiner
Assayer,
Chief Coiner
& Engraver,
U. S. Mint.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of yesterday, in respect of the appointment of Mr.
as Assistant Clerk in the Admiralty.

We will readily concur in your view of the
merit of the Female Servants who have
[illegible] and
[illegible] and
[illegible] and

162.50
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37.50
41.00
20.00
10.00
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11.00
29.00
6.00
6.00
7.40

10 | 6.00
9 | 42.50

4.65.50

April 1st, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in making you the consignee of these Sweeps no better mode occurred to me especially as I ~~thought~~ design to induce Mr. Longman to become the purchaser.

Treasury Department
March 31. 1856

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th instant, recommending that Wm. Thomas H. Brees, now paid on the roll as Assistant at $4 per day, may be appointed Assistant Director's Clerk, at a salary of $1500, and have had the same under consideration.

The first and most serious difficulty that occurs to me upon this subject, is that, whilst the business of the Mint, since the establishment of the Assay office at New York, and the Branch Mint at San Francisco, has been considerably diminished, the number of employees (other than workmen) and their compensation, has been increased instead of being reduced. Upon this subject, I will be glad to have your views, and indeed I will thank you to make a careful examination into the business, and the duties assigned to, and performed by, each officer, and to report whether, by a new distribution of such duties, or the enforcement of regular official hours, such as are observed in the Departments at Washington, and prescribed for the Custom Houses the number of Clerks, Weighers, Assistants &c. cannot be reduced without prejudice to the proper

despatch of your business.

I am, very Resp'y—

James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.,

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Yale College, New Haven, Ct.
Mch. 31, 1856

Jas. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint,
Philad.

Sir, — Your favor of the 29th inst. is this day received with receipted bill for $60. for five gold medals struck at the Mint for the Senior Mathematical Prize, as requested in my letter of the 18th inst. Herewith I send you draft of the Cashier of New Haven County Bank on the Metropolitan Bank, New York City, for $60. in full of the bill.

The dies & metals have not yet reached me, but will probably arrive to-morrow.

We have occasion annually to provide a large gold medal, costing with the work thereon $100., to be given as a prize. The diameter of the medal may vary from two inches to two inches & a half. Will it be practicable for you to furnish such a blank medal, of a circular form, polished surface, gold of standard fineness, of the value of 90 to 95 dollars? We have no dies for it, & the cost of preparing the medal by hand is too great.

Very respectfully,
Yr. obt. servt.
Edwd C. Herrick
Treas.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 1 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 31st ult. is at hand, advising remittance of Gold Coins by the Adams Express Company.

They have been received, and your Account Credited with the Amount of Three hundred & Seventy Eight Thousand, four Hundred and five Dollars & 46/100 Cts.
(# 378.405.46)

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Jno Ph Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U. S. Exchange
Philadelphia

Senate Chamber
Apl 16th 1856

Dear Sir Agreeably to your request in letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of which has been received with specimens of proposed coin of the cent piece, I return to you herewith the specimen of the Swiss Coin.

Yours respectfully
M. T. Hunter

Hon. James Ref. Snowden
Director of the Mint

PASCAL IRON WORKS.

Philadelphia 4 Mo 29 18[illegible]

U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Bought of Morris, Tasker & Co.

30 — 3½ flues Each 24 long 245 ft @ 65		159.47
5 Boxes & Portage		8.00
		$ 167.47

Duplicate

Recd Payment
Morris Tasker & Co
pr S. W. Knight

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/ APRIL (CONT.)

Taunton April 30. 1836.

Dan'l. Sturgeon Esq.

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We annex bill of 15 Keys planches, shipped L. Sch. James Neilson —

Yours. Very Respectfully.

Crocker & Brewster

Treasury Department
April 28. 1856.

Sir

In compliance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 23d inst, I have requested the Treasurer U.S. to send a transfer draft in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint on the Treasurer of the Assay office at N. York for $1.500.000. —

I am very Resp'y
J. Washington Jed
Sec of the Treasury

Jas. R. Sturgeon Esq
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Philada.

Treasury Department
April 24. 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst has been received and upon examination the Bullion accounts of the Mint are accepted from the regular returns No. 55, for the present, and until the Department can fully investigate the subject.

I am very Respy
Your Obt Servt
W Pennington
Sec of the Treasury

Dan'l Staniger Esq
Treasurer Mint
Philada

Treasury Department
April 28. 1856.

Sir

I duly received yours of the 25th inst.
The Coins were intended for my use and that of the other disbursing Agents and not for the Treasurer.
They have been handed over to me by Casey - and all is right.

I am very Resp
S. M. McKean &c

Danl. Sturgeon Esq
Tr. Mint - Philad^a.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

$

Philadelphia, April 3rd 1856

Received of Hon. J. R. Snowden, Director of the U. S. Mint One Package of Medals

Containing 1 large Gold & 2 Silver Medals

MARKED George R. Sampson Esq
Boston
Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: ***THE EXPRESS COMPANY*** *not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc.,* **UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED HEREIN, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.**

Freight, ______

Insurance, ______

FOR THE PROPRIETORS. Jno. A. Dell

Craig, Printer, 116 Chestnut St., over the Express Office.

Philada April 2/56

The Mint of U S

To Marg^t B Laing D^r

To 250 Gold bags @ $5.00 per hun - $12.50

Recd payment

Marg^t B Laing

per W B Laing

$12.50

Correct

Geo. H. Whitaker

Clerk

Treasury of the U States
April 28 1852

Treasurer Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sir.

Enclosed you will receive Transfer draft No. 2608 in your favor, on the Treasurer of the Assay Office New York, for $1.500.000 - which you will please place to my credit on the books of your Office.

Very respectfully. yours
Tom Casey
Treasurer U States

GEO. MEGEE & CO.
No's 9 & 11 Branch St. Phila.
MANUFACTURE TO ORDER
Every kind of Still or Vessel
Required by
Grain, Turpentine & other Distillers,
SUGAR REFINERS, BREWERS, &C.
&c. &c. &c.
Bath Boilers and Heaters, Drying Kettles,
Mineral Water Fountains,
Copper Work for Steam
Engines, Factories, &c. &c. &c.
GEORGE MEGEE.
SAMUEL H. CARTER.

Philadelphia March 27 1856

M Branch Mint U.S.
San Francisco Cal

Co **GEO. MEGEE & CO.**, Dr.,

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street, above Third.

between Race and Vine.

1 18 Cylinders	324 lbs. 80 c.	662 00
" Packing 15 Boxes		5 00
		667 00

Rec'd Payment
Geo Megee & Co

Capt Chas B Hall

Philadelphia April 28th 1856

Medal Department U. S. Mint

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th.

North side.

To Making Collar & altering Bed & Punch, for Com. Perry Medal $ 11 00

Received Payment

Morgan & Orr

Treasury Department
April 25. 1861.

Sir

It is desired by the several disbursing Agents here to have some 3 cent pieces for the convenience of paying Coastwise on Salaries - The Treasurer has none on hand - I understand that they are putting up Bags of $30 - if so and you have them to spare I will be obliged if you will send me five bags by Adams Express Co. upon which I enclose the Treasurer's Check on N York for $150.

I am very Respectfully
S. N. Kearny

D. Stanwood Esq
Treasurer Mint
Phila.

25 April 6

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 24th inst, I have to state that we furnish silver coins of the new issue (half dollars and less) [illegible] dollar coins, in exchange for gold, or in payment of a deposit of silver bullion or foreign coins, at the rate of $1.22½ for our standard, as determined by assay. Such a deposit is, [illegible], repaid in dollars, at the rate of $1.00 per oz of standard, with a deduction of the mintage charge of ½ per cent.

With regard to bars, I have to explain that as we had on hand more fine silver than was necessary for the refining department, a small quantity has lately been disposed of at $1.25 per oz of standard; but we are not able to part with any more bullion in this shape, and the only mode of your obtaining silver is as above stated.

Very respectfully yours,

James Ross Snowden,

Director U.S. Mint

Mr. Gale Esq.

New York

Phila— Apr 25th April 1866

Dr Sir

We are desirous of ascertaining if we can obtain Silver Coin, either of Dollars, halves, or quarters, from the Mint, & if so at what price & the manner of obtaining them. & also as to Bars, either of standard, or fine. The Object of our inquiry is to obtain Silver for Manufacturing purposes, being engaged in Manufacturing Silver-ware, & using about fifteen hundred Dollars per week—

Will you oblige us by informing us on this subject

Very Respectfully

Wm Ellerson

To the Hon. Samuel Ross & wife
Director Mint

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 25. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. also of Gold Coins by the Adams Express Co. to the Amount of $ 2011.789.43 and your Account Credited with the same.

Very Respt
Your Obt. Svt.
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasr

Daniel Slaughton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

United States Assay Office
New York, April 25, 1856.

Sir,

I enclose my check on the Assistant Treasurer N.Y., for two hundred ninety dollars, the amount of the two accounts transmitted by you, viz:

Bill of	H. Troemner (receipted)	$60.00
"	Morris Sower "	230.00
		$290.00

It is my duty to state that two of the hoops furnished by Mr. Sower have broken;- one in putting up the tub, it place being supplied by one of our old hoops, - and the other from the swelling of the tub since Mr. Sower left. A new hoop to replace this cost us $7. If you think it proper to make a deduction from the bill, please do so.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,

Hon. J. R. Rowden,
Director of the Mint

S. F. Butterworth, Supt.
per Geo. F. Downing.

May 2 6

Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 25th ult. with the enclosed check for $290, the proceeds of which have been applied as follows viz:

To Henry Freeman $60.00
" Morris Jones 223.00

Mr. Jones bill was $230, from which I deducted $7, on account of one of the hoops of the tub made by him for your office having broken — Enclosed please find my check for the amount deducted from Mr. Jones bill, viz: $7.00

Very respectfully,
J. R. Snowden
Director

Hon. F. B[illegible]
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
[illegible]

Philada April 24/56

The U S Mint

To Maxgt B Lacey Dr

No 237 Gold bags @ $6.00 per 100 — $11.37

Recd Payt

Maxgt B Lacey

Philada April 24/56

The U S Mint

To Maxgt B Lacey Dr

No Silver bags @

Recd Payt

Maxgt B Lacey

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

(Private) New York, April 22nd 1856.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 21st inst. is just received. My letter to the Sec'y of the Treasury on the difficulties of rendering our bullion acc't monthly, was forwarded to him on the 19th instant. No reply has yet come to hands, when I receive it, I will communicate it to you immediately.

In my letter to him, I went very fully over the ground, showing the peculiarities of the bullion account: the great inconvenience and labor, which would be necessary in rendering it monthly: and the utter impossibility of doing it, in four days, from the close of the month.

Very Respectfully
Your ob't Servant,
Wm. J. Cisco

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.

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BLAKE & JOHNSON,
MANUFACTURERS OF
BRASS & IRON RIVETS
FOR
PORTE MONNAIS,
And other Purposes,
HAIR PINS, &c., &c.
ALSO
Builders of Machinery,
From Drawings or Models, when
requested, in Strict Confidence.

Waterbury, Conn. April 22nd 1856

Mr Branch of Mint of U. S. at Sanfrancisco

To BLAKE & JOHNSON, Dr.

MANUFACTURERS OF

HARDENED CAST STEEL ROLLS,

OF ANY SIZE OR FORM, FOR ROLLING GOLD AND SILVER.

April 22 To One pair pointing Rolls & draft $150 00

Received Payment
Blake & Johnson
J. W. Blake Bro't

London, 22nd April, 1853.

Poste Restante.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge having received from Wm. E. Rubow Esqr. on behalf of the U.S. Mail at Phila. a Bill of Exchange for £77. 8. 4 on payment in full of all demands.

I am, Respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.

Col. James Ron Snowden
Director U.S. Mail.

P.S. Please refund the enclosed Letter.

No 13.

One Hundred Fine Silver Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office New York.

1856.
April 3. Eleven Boxes one Package #26436:

No. 1.	10	Bars weight.	1999.63		
3.	10	" "	2189.68		
4.	10	" "	1940.24		
5.	10	" "	2178.09		
8.	10	" "	32144.07	10,521.71 @998	11.667.41
2.	10	" "		1.816.84 @997	2.013.66
6.	10	" "	1775.61		
9.	10	" "	2130.50		
10.	10	" "	2187.73	6,09384 @998	6.760.75
7.	10	" "		2.131.32 @999	2.365.77
Short 1.66 ozs.			20,563.71		22.807.62

Gross Value #26,53478

22,807.62 Standard @ #1.22½ = #27.939.33 Royal Mint

No. 611.

Fifty Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Eisen, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

1856
April 8. Five Boxes # 1336 to 137, containing

Nos. 1271 to 1286.	16 bars weighing	ounces dec 4057.22	@ 992/1000	
" 1346 to 1379.	34 "	8442.56	@ 993	
50 bars		12,499.78		

Gross Value, $256,542.69
Deduct for Coinage 1282.71
Net Value, ... $255,259.98

531
11.62
7.18
2361

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 8th 1856

Sir

I herewith transmit my statement and the receipt of the Adams Express Co. for five boxes, containing fifty four Gold bars Weighing 12.499.78 Ounces. of the Net Value of $ 255,259.98 for which I will thank you to remit double Eagles in payment.

I am pleased to your credit the Amount of $ 2ab. 409.99 rec'd this day in Gold Coins by the Adams Express Co.

Very Respy

Your Obt Svt

Wm J Olsen

Treasurer

Daniel Stuyvesant Esq

Treas. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 114. Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Five Box containing 12,499.78 Ozt. Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Nett value to $ 255,259.98

Two hundred & fifty five thousand,

two hundred & fifty nine 98/100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at fifty cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 8 1856 John Adams

Adams Express Co for

April 8

Sir

I enclose a report from the Examiners of the Branch Mint Dahlonega exhibiting the result of the usual Monthly and Quarterly examination of that institution on the 31st ult. also the Quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Branch for the 1st Quarter 1856.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant
Jas. Ross [illegible]
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Treasury Department
8 April 1856

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 7 inst asking for the sum of $36,975. on account of the appropriations for the US Mint for the current fiscal year, and among the items $15000 is asked for on account of incidental & contingent expenses, – as the balance standing to the credit of this latter appropriation is but $14.669.39 the amount I have directed to be transmitted, will fall short $330.61 of your requisition

very respectfully
your obst. servt
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

16,975.00
11.61
36644.39

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 9 April 1856

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, in which you state that the amount of $[illegible], asked for contingent expenses, in my letter of the 7th exceeds by $[illegible] the amount standing to the credit of the appropriation. As I conceive that we are entitled to draw for the sum I named, I have to request that you will cause a further examination to be made into this matter.

The appropriations to our credit stand as follows:

	Salaries	Wages	Freight	Incidentals	Contingent [illegible]	Total
	[illegible]	$[illegible]	$10,000	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	[illegible]

We have thus far drawn as follows:

[illegible]	6,975	12,500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	36,475 [illegible]
[illegible]	6,975	12,500		[illegible]	[illegible]	32,475 [illegible]
[illegible]	6,975	12,500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	20,925	37,500	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

And there consequently remains due as follows:

6,975	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Total appropriation $[illegible]

In my letter of the 7th inst. I asked for these [illegible]

ring amount, which you will perceive from the fore-
going recapitulation of drafts we were entitled
to draw, viz:

Salaries	$4,975	
Wages	12,500	
Incidentals	15,000	
Freight	2,500	$36,975

The amount for arrs of claims was acciden-
tally omitted, viz 300

& that there is in fact due to the Dist $37,275

Your letter of yesterday states that
the draft ordered by you is for but 36,644.39

Difference $630.61

In view of the above explanations, I have now to
request that you will issue your requisition for
the above amount, in favor of the Treasurer of the Distt,

For incidentals — still due — $330.61

Arrs of claims 300.00

630.61

I have the honor to be

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury.

with great respect, your faithl. Servt
James Rose Snowden.
Senator

9 April, 06.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, in which you state that the amount of £15,000, asked for contingent expenses, in my letter of the 7th exceeds by £330.61 the amount standing to the credit of the appropriation. As I am sure that we are entitled to draw for the sum I named, I have to request that you will cause a further examination to be made into this matter.

The appropriation to our use was as follows:

Salaries	Wages	Freight	Incidentals	Outfits	Total
£27,900	£50,000	£10,000	£60,000	£300	£148,200

We have thus far drawn as follows:

Draft 1016 Dec 15 03	£6,975	£12,500	£2,500	15,000	36,975
Draft 1001 Mar 15 04	6,975	12,500		15,000	34,475
Draft 1541 Dec 15 04	6,975	12,500	5,000	15,000	39,475
	£20,925	£37,500	£7,500	£45,000	£110,925

And have consequently remains due as follows

6,975	12,500	2,500	15,000	300	37,275

Total appropriation £148,200

In my letter of the 9th inst. I asked for the following amounts, which you will perceive from the foregoing recapitulation of drafts we were entitled to draw, viz:

Salaries	$6.975	
Wages	12,500	
Incidentals	15,000	
Freights	2,500 —	$36,975

The amount for old & coins was accidentally omitted, viz: 300

So that there is in fact due to the Mint $37.275

Your letter of yesterday states that the draft ordered by you is for but 36.644.39

Difference $630.61

In view of the above explanations, I have now to request that you will issue your requisition for the above amount in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

For the incidentals still due —	$330.61
Old & Coins	300 00
	$630.61

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of Treasury.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant

Director

U. S. Assay Office,
New-York, April 9, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a Statement of the business of this Office for the the month of March.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
Sam. T. Ballenmuth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
10 April 1856.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9 inst
I have to state that the cause of your Requisition, which was
received with your letter of the 7 inst exceeding the appropriation
for the contingencies of the US Mint $330.60, originated thus.
To amount paid by the Department on the 5 Feby last to Curtis
Perry & Ward, for weights furnished for the Branch Mint at San
Francisco, Cal., the appropriation for the contingencies of that
branch having been exhausted $435.—
From which deduct the unexpended balance, at the credit
of your mint for contingencies, at the close of the last fiscal year 104.39
$330.61

There is an unexpended balance of $200 to the credit of
the appropriation, "For supplying new boilers to the engines,
lengthening chimney & for other alterations & improvements
in the US Mint Philadelphia" and I have consequently
directed a Warrant to issue for this sum in favor of the
Treasurer of the US. Mint, together with the sum of 300$
as asked for by you, from the appropriation, "For steamer

of coin & coins to be returned at the Mint".

Very respectfully
your obed. servt.
W. Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philad.a Pa.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 15 april 1856

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 10th inst., in response to the requisition in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, and regret that the statement of facts presented by you is so inconsistent with that which appears on the Books of the Mint, that it becomes necessary to continue the correspondence on the subject.

You state that there is an unexpended balance for contingencies of the Mint, at the close of the last fiscal year of $10439; and, on the application for supplying new bullion of $200.

According to our Books, it appears that our application for the last fiscal year was as follows:

$25,900 $72,000. $500. $4,750 $56,000. $171,950.

to which add the appropriation to supply deficiencies

$3,000. $37,000 $40,000.

Total appropriation $211,950

From the above appropriation we have received

the following amounts, on Treasury drafts and warrants, thus numbered, viz.

Aug. 16, 1854	Draft No. 8365	Warrt 3207	—	$ 38,225.
Nov. 1	"	8917	"	3805	38,225
" 21	"	9018	"	3890	18,750.
Jan. 5 1855	"	9244	"	4108	38,225.
Mar. 19,	"	9644	"	4479	18,000.
May 8	"	9950	"	4768	19,000
June 29	"	127	"	4952	41,525.
			Total —		$211,950

So that, it would appear, no balance could properly stand to our credit at the close of the past fiscal year.

With regard to the balance to our credit on the appropriation for supplying new boilers &c, it appears from our books that the whole amount thereof ($ 20,600.) was received by us, viz

1850 June 22	Draft (in part) No. 7515	on Wt. 2774	—	$ 7000.
Nov. 28 (in part of)	No. 8837	"	3658	—	7,000.
Dec. 24	"	No. 8425	"	3761	—	6,600.
				Total —	$ 20,600

So that neither on this appropriation could any balance appear properly to stand to our credit.

With regard to the payment of $ 495. to Corby Sorry & Ward for weights furnished to the San Francisco Mint, by diverting for that purpose part of the Contingent Appropriation for this Mint, I respectfully suggest to the Department that we can very ill afford to spare even so small a sum from the means provided for our support for the remainder of the present fiscal year. But, if the temporary advance of the amount from the Mint be deemed necessary, it would be more satisfactory that it should not be deducted from our appropriation in Washington, but that the whole of the Collection should be charged to us, and that the bills of C. S. & W. be forwarded to us, and credit claimed in our accounts for their payment. At a future day the amount of these bills could be refunded to us from the contingent fund of the Branch Mint.

Extract from a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs by Francis Huebschmann Supt of Indian affairs at St Paul Minnesota dated 11 April 1856.

"Eagles and half dimes should be furnished in bags of one hundred dollars; and all bags should be sealed officially and the amount marked on them, at the Mint and at other places where the facilities for weighing coins are at hand. The coin could be put up in this way, I presume, with very little additional trouble.

At the last Menomonee payment, I had two kegs of silver. I had had previously no time to open the kegs & arrange the silver, neither kegs nor bags were sealed, & if the amount was incorrect, it was my loss. I found two bags with $2.00 in half dimes, & since I could not very well take back any of them after they had been opened & part paid out, I had to hire several men to make dollar pieces to be handed over to the Indians, with some gold. Since I receive nothing for disbursing funds, I presume it is not asking too much, that they should be in shape convenient to be turned over

to the agents, or to be paid out."

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 11th April 1856.

Sir,

Your favor of the 7th inst. has been received. In reply, I have to state that a deposit corresponding to that advised by you ~~and the description given in your letter~~ was made at the Mint on the 28th ult. in the name of P. Dickerson & Son, & the proceeds (~~$12,190.16~~) were returned to that address on the 27th following. If you have not already received the same you had better address the agents of the Am. Express Co. on the subject.

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Wm. Gaylord Gregory
Berkshire
Delaware Co.
Ohio

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, April 11th, 1856.

Sir,

I have yours of the 10th inst.
The amount, $57.574.19, forwarded by you,
per the Adams Express Company, has been rec'd
and credited to your account

Very respectfully
Yours
John J. Cisco
Treasurer.

Daniel Staigeon Esq.
Recr U.S. Mint,
Phila.

Geo. T. Merrum, Pres't.
Jesse B. Fant, Cashier.

Capital, $200,000

Bank of Rutland.

(Charter Expires Jan. 1st, '77)

Rutland, Vt April 12th 1856

James Rob Snowden Esq

Dear Sir: Director U.S. Mint

Your favor of the ——— is received with enclosure.

I enclose check on Metropolitan Bank N.Y. $1.000 for which please send me quarter-dollars. by express via N.Y. & Albany — Please direct Adams & Co to deliver the coin at Newyork, to the National-Express Co.

Respectfully &c

J.B. Page Cas.

Treasury Department
April 13. 1836.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th instant, calling to my attention, in connection with the regulations, prescribing monthly accounts, the following clause in the Second Section of the Mint Act of 1837, to wit:
"And (the Treasurer) shall present quarter yearly to the Treasury Department of the United States, according to such forms as shall be prescribed by that Department, an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Mint for the purpose of being adjusted and settled."

I was not unaware of this provision, and other similar provisions in relation to other descriptions of accounts, embraced in the Regulations, but the 2d Section of the Act of 31 January, 1823, authorizes the Secretaries of any of the Departments to require such returns, (oftener than quarterly), as shall the public interest may require.

The Act of 1837 subjects the accounts to such forms as the Department may prescribe, and as three months accounts combined, only make a quarterly account, I am, of opinion,

it will thereby be satisfied.

I am Very Respy
James Pollock
Secretary of the Treasury

D. Sturgeon Esq
Asst Treasurer, U.S.
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, April 12th, 1856.

Sir,

Yours of the 11th inst. has been rec'd enclosing Assay Memorandums of gold bullion transmitted to you on the 8th inst. I observe that the Fineness of Nos. 1271 & 1286 is stated in your Mem.s at 993 thous.s while the calculation of value corresponds to 992½ thous.s I am right in supposing this to be an error of the pen? I am well supplied with Small gold coins, excepting the denomination of 'threes', which I trust you may be able to furnish, in a few days, to the amount asked for in my letter of the 13th ult.o

I shall be pleased, however to accomodate you by receiving the $100,000 in quarter eagles which you desire to remit to me.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasr

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

P.S. Instructions have been rec.d by me from the Secy of the Treas.y & I presume Similar ones were sent to the other Mint Establishments, requiring a transfer of Accounts monthly. Do you understand them as applying to the Bullion & the Assay Off.s

From
Jno. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd
Apl 14/56

Sir,

As your favor of the 7th inst: respecting the clerical force employed in the offices of the Treasurer of the Mint and Assistant Treas. U.S., only reports to my letter of the 1st inst, I am somewhat at a loss to know whether a communication I had the honor to make on the 5th inst, was received or was brought to your notice.

Regarding the subject as being fully considered, and the expression of the opinion contained in your letter as an instruction to reduce the number of clerks employed in the offices above named from seven, as now employed, to five, I have to request your further directions as to the time when the reduction should take place. The appointment of the clerks in question being made by the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the department, I will,

when I receive your instructions requesting him to designate the persons to be retained, and will then — pursuant to the 3d Section of the general Mint law — prescribe their clerical duties.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department
April 14th 1851

Sir,

I having been represented to this Department by Mess.rs Irving & Willey, of New York, that there has arrived at New York per Steamer "Atlantic" one package containing "two sets of gold assay weights" for the use of the U. S. Mint I have directed the Collector at that Port to admit the same free of duty or charges, as per order herewith enclosed, which you will please forward to him, if the articles in question are intended for the use of the United States.

You will also please furnish the Collector with the marks and numbers of the said package.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
James Guthrie
Sect of the Treasury

A. Dallas. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

New York, April 17/56

Jas. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

We have your favor of yesterday.

The Consignment in question, is to the Am: & Eur. Express Company, by Str. Atlantic from Liverpool, of one pkge for the U S Mint, Philadelphia, cont'g. "Two Sets Gold assay weights in ivory boxes at 33/. £ 3.10 — as per Bill of L Oertling of London manufacturer of Balances &c.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed. Servts.
Irving & Witting

Of

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April 14th 1856

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of Sir
Secretary
the Treasury

Treasury Department
April 14th 1851

Sir,

You are authorized and directed to admit free of duty or charges one package containing two sets of "gold assay weights" imported per steamer "Atlantic" for the use of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia

The Director of the Mint. R. P. Snowden Esq. will furnish you with the marks and numbers of above named package.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

Herman J. Redfield Esq
Coll of Customs
New York

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16th April 6.

Gentlemen,

I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that You have represented to the Department that there had arrived at New York for Steamer "Hartie" a package containing two bbls of Gold Alloy Weights for the use of the U.S. Mint. As I have not received Bills of Lading for the weights referred to, or been advised of their shipment, I am unable to inform the collector at New York of the Marks and Numbers of the Packages, and will thank You to furnish me with any information that may be in Your possession on the subject

I am, very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Albert Gallatin

Messrs Bruce & Wilkes
New York

No. 65.

Thirty four Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance
of the act of March 1853, by John J. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office N York.

1856
April 15. Nos. 1380 to 1413 in 34 Bxes $ 1386140,

Weighing 8538.52 ounces @ 993 f.

Gross Value $175.681.86
Deduct for Coinage 878.41
Net Value $174,803.45

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, April 15. 1856.

Sir,

The $150.000 in gold coins, of which you advise me in your letter of the 14th inst, have been rec'd. & the amount has been placed to your credit accordingly.

I have this day transmitted, per the Adams Express Company, as per Receipt and Statement, Three boxes containing thirty four fine gold bars, for coinage, weighing 8558.52 ounces gross, nett value $174.803.45, for which please acknowledge the Receipt.

I thank you for the offer to report to me the decision of the Department (when received) in regard to the applicability of the Regulations to the Bullion Accounts, but I am of the opinion that a representation, from this Office as well as from the Mint, stating our objections to a rendition of these accounts monthly, may give to the Department a more serious view of the difficulties in the way of a compliance with its requisitions.

Very respectfully
Yours
Wm. J. Wilson
Treasurer.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 15. Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York

Three Bars containing $ 5558.52 Cts Gold Bullion,

" " "

Parcel " Silver "

Amounting in Nett value to $ 174.803.45

One hundred & Seventy four thousand

eight hundred & three 45/100

which are agree to invoice against bar. and delivered to the Treasurer

of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty

Cents per One Thousand Dollars

New York April 15th 1856

Adams Express Co. H. Babcock

No. 66.

Thirty two Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855 by John. J. Cisco. Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1856
April 16. Nos. 1414 to 1445 in three Boxes #1414/1423

weighing 8013.28 ounces @ 993 f.

Gross Value	$164,489.65
Deduct for Coinage	822.45
Net Value	$163,667.20

May 31. 6.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement of the "Medal Account" for the first quarter of 1856 and enclose vouchers for the sums charged therein. The statement exhibits a balance of $798.90, to the credit of the Medal fund.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Geo. Megee & Co.
Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
Manufacture to order every kind of
STILL OR VESSEL
REQUIRED BY
Grain, Turpentine and other Distillers, Sugar Refiners, Brewers, &c.
Also Bath Boilers & Heaters, Dyeing Kettles, Mineral Water Fountains, Copper Work for Steam Engines, Factories, &c., &c.

Philadelphia, May 8/1856

Mr Medal Fund

To **GEO. MEGEE & CO.,** Dr.

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street, above Third,

GEORGE MEGEE.
SAMUEL H. CARTER.

between Race and Vine

To 2 Strips Copper 13" 45c		$5.85

Duplicate

Recd Payment
Geo Megee

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U. S Mint

Melter & Refiner's Office

31 May 1856

Dear Sir

I herewith respectfully report that the number of hands engaged in my Dept & the Deposite Room are:

	Hands	Foremen
Silver melting Room	7	1
Gold melting Room	5	
Parting Room	5	1
Deposite melting Room	3	2
Sweep Room	3	
Watchmen & Weigher	3	
	26	4

Total number = 30.

Altho' extremely inconvenient for want of a flooring machine, we have refined nearly $2,000,000 worth of gold during the past month, & converted it into Ingots. The usual amount of silver has been melted during the month, averaging 16 melts or $35,000 pr day.

I regret to report that 7 men were absent on the day after election without permission, 5 of them from the silver room, by which a whole day's work was lost.

In consequence of the urgency for Gold refining, the inconvenience of procuring supplies of materials, and the small number of hands, 5, in the parting room,

I was obliged to call on the Chief Coiner to loan me three hands, which he kindly did, enabled me to accomplish the work in a given time, by the aid of a few hours over-work. I regret to report that one of those hands, Mr Yearly, was absent one day last week without permission, & has been absent all this week since Monday. I have no doubt he will be here tomorrow, it being pay-day. He was of scarcely any use to me when he was present, & I learn that his services could be dispensed with in the C. Coiner's Dept. I shall have no further need of these borrowed hands.

Respectfully yours
Ja[s] C Booth
M[t] R

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director
U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
May 31. 1836.

Sir

The Treasurer of the
United States has been requested to issue a
transfer draft on the Treasurer of the
Mint in favor of the assistant Treasurer
at Philadelphia for $500.000. and if there be
no particular objection to it, the balance
of that $1000.000 will be transferred early
in the ensuing week.

I am very Resp.
Your Ob. Servt
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Sheet 2nd 6.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 31st ult. the
Warrant ordered by you for the Rent to the 4th Inst.
of $ 500.000 was made today.

The Joint Resolve will not be in a
Condition to make the Transfer of the remaining
part of the $1.500,000, to which you refer, under
the end of next week. You will be pleased therefore
not to issue the other Warrant until that time.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant,
James Rush Roberts,
Chief Clerk N.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Sir:

I have your favor of the 31st ult. The transfer ordered by you from the Mint to the assistant Treasurer of $500,000 was made today.

The Mint Treasury will not be in a condition to make the transfer of the remaining part of the $1,500,000, to which you refer, under the end of next week. You will be pleased therefore to defer the other draft until that time.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Philada May 31/56

The U S Mint

To Margt B Leidy Dr

For 771 Large Silver Bags @ $10.00 p h $77.10
" 625 Small " " " 2.25 " 14.06

$ 91.16

Recd payt Margt. B. Leidy

Margt
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Philada May 31/56

The U S Mint

To Margt. B. [illegible] Dr

For 771 Large [illegible] bags @ $10.00 p hun $77.10

625 Small " " " 2.25 " 14.06

$91.16

Duplicate

Recd payt

Margt. B. [illegible]

Correct

[illegible]

C.C.

May 2, 1836

Sir,

I enclose a report from the Superintendent of the Mint Office, N.Y. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination of the Coin in circulation on the 30th ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Flushing Ohio May 5th 1856

Superintendant of
Mint Phil.

Dear Sir

Please forward to me the premiums on
"old Silver" as given by the mint

yours Respectfully

J. F. Brandenburgh

Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office
May 5th 1836

Hon. Paul Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith your ordinary Expenses a/c Current for the Month of April 1836 and request that the omission to charge the Salaries of Officers & Clerks for that Month may be supplied as contemplated by the General Instructions of the Department of 17th March last.

The rule adopted by the Accounting Officers in computing the Salaries payable Monthly, is to add the number of days in the Quarter, as the Quarterly Salary, & to the number of days in the Month the amount due as Salary of each Month of said Quarter, avoiding the introduction into the account of fractions less than a cent — By this System each person is paid the exact amount he is entitled to receive —

The Salary of the Director for April at	3000	is		$ 288.46
do	Treas.r	do	2000	166.83
	Clerks	do	1700	141.35
	do	do	1500	129.69

Please credit your Salary abt accordingly —

Very Respectfully

Senate Office
Washington City 5 May 1856

Dear Sir

I have made an investigation or examination of the errors in your printed Report, assisted by Mr. Griffith, by comparing the copy with the Printed Report throughout and found that all the errors except one were typographical; and that one is on page 42 which says – "The third gold medal, struck under the resolution of Congress of July 26 1779, in honor of the taking of Stony Point from the British, was of silver, and awarded to Colonel Fleury, for his conduct during that engagement."

The word gold I presume was in the copy and of course was not an error of the Printer. I found 3 or 4 of them were of suppose illegibility to mislead the Printer but about 20 of them were clear and unmistakeable errors of the Printer. I have now given you the facts and if you desire the Doct to be reprinted with the errors corrected I would suggest that you request the Secy of the Senate either direct or through me to have it done. If the Printers could about

correcting the error found in the copy it will be a very little labour to erase the word gold in the printed copies. I dont know that they will. The Secy will, I have no doubt, do the best he can for you.

On page 41. the word "ducis" was entirely omitted. The word "offices" instead of office in the 3? Page is so palpable that every body will know it is typographical. but if the Printers are disposed to be technickal a compromise may be made between that error of theirs and the ~~omission~~ the copy - viz: by letting the word offices pass provided they will leave out the word gold. I now have reference to the facts of their being able to collate the copies of the erratic sheets and avoiding themselves of that portion preceding the description of the medals where all the other errors occur.

Yours sincerely

W. P. Patton

Cols. J. R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

(Copy)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 8th 1836

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 5th inst.

All things considered, I would prefer that the report should be re-printed, and yet I have some reluctance in asking that it should be done, at a loss, by the Printer of the Senate.

I make the following suggestion with a view to relieve the Subject from embarrassment.

If the report was presented to the House a motion might be made there to print say 1000 copies, 500 of which to be for the use of the House. In case such a resolution was adopted, a corrected copy of be taken by the Printer of the House. If this suggestion cannot be carried into effect, then I think I must request the report to be re-printed by the printer for the Senate.

The errors you speak of as being in the type - as for example, the word gold which should be struck out - I hope will be corrected. I am annoyed in part of the day - being frequently asked for information on the subject

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Cols. J. R. Snowden
Director U.S.

feet of Coinage, it is a convenient mode of giving the in-
formation by sending a copy of my report. besides, sending
copies with other enclosures to foreign mints
and the report for 1865 ought to be in readiness.

Shall be glad with the Secretary of the Senate,
and state that I will be guided by his opinion as to
the proper course to be pursued.

Thanking you for your prompt attention,
I am with much respect
Yours truly
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Gen. W. Patton,
Superintending Clerk,
U.S. Senate.

Treasury Department
Comptroller Office
May 8th 1856.

Daniel Ringgum Esq
Treasurer United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir,

Your account of
Copper Coinage for the Quarter ending
March 31st 1856. has been adjusted at the
Treasury, and the following found to be
the balance in the Mint, viz

Copper Coins	$850.00
Cash	113.36
	$963.36

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller

Philad^a May 6/56

Abr. S. Mint Esq. Ins^a Co.

Bot of Grove & Bro

1 Bbl Bar Mag 169

19 = 150 lbs a 3c 4 5

Bbl 25

Drayage 25

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Rec^d Payment Grove & Brother

BLANK ACCOUNT BOOKS,
In every Style.
Foreign & Domestic Stationery,
In Great variety.
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Neatly executed.
Banks, Public Offices, Insurance Companies, and Counting Houses, Supplied on favourable terms.

No. 83 South Third Street, opposite Girard Bank,

Philadelphia, May 8th 1856

United States Mint

To WM. M. CHRISTY, Dr.

Stationer, Printer & Blank Book Manufacturer.

To 2 Rms Envelope Paper	11.75	9 50
" 1/2 dz Guyotts Carmine Ink @ $3.50		1 75
		$ 11 25

Capt A Talcott

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CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
BISHOP SIMONS & Co.

SHIP AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No. 36 North Wharves, Philadelphia.

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco

9 bb 30f
5% Primage

$29.41
1.47

$30.87

SHIPPED, in good Order and Condition by Chas. K. G. Maw
on board the Ship called the Express
whereof Lawrence is Master for this present Voyage, and now lying in the Port of PHILADELPHIA, and bound for SAN FRANCISCO.

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Two Trunks do.
Two Boxes do.

Being marked and numbered as in the Margin; to be delivered in the like good Order and Condition at the aforesaid Port of SAN FRANCISCO (the dangers of the Seas, Fire and Collision excepted,) unto Peter Lott Esq Superintendent or Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods Twenty nine 47/100 Dolls with five per cent. Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

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Dated at PHILADELPHIA, the 7th day of May 1856

Smith, E, C + r

May 8th. 1

Gentlemen.

Upon a further consideration of the proposition to send you one of the rolls of the Printing Department to this ground, I have concluded that the expence attending the transmission of the roll brought from Waterford will be too great for the advantage to be derived, and your offer to send us on trial one of your cast Steel rolls, will not be of service since the value of a roll of that description in connection with such parts of skilled iron would in a short time be destructive of the value of the skilled iron roll. I am compelled therefore, to decline your obliging offer of the use of one of your rolls of cast Steel.

I am,

Respectfully Yours &c.

James Ross M.Culloch

Secretary

Messrs. Blake & Belcher,

Waterford Iron Co.

Mint of the United States.
Chief Coiner's Office
Philadelphia, May 8th 1856

Dear Sir

In regard to grinding the Rolls belonging to this Department, at present unserviceable I have made several inquiries, and find that the freight and expenses, between here and Waterbury Conn. and return, on a Box large enough to contain the Rolls, will cost not less than $20.00
the cost of Grinding at Waterbury Conn 10.00
$30.00

Messrs Jenks Son at Bridesburg who ground the last Rolls will charge 20.00

making a difference of $10.00 in our favour, by having them ground at home.

The proposition of Mr Blake to send one of their Cast Steel Rolls to us on trial, will not avail us anything as it will not answer to run a Cast Steel Roll in connection with a Chilled Iron Roll, as the latter would be rendered entirely useless in a

very short time.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of procuring another Cast Iron Chilled Roll. (to match the one, now idle, for want of a duplicate)

Very truly
Your Obt Servt
Geo. K. Childs
Chief Coiner

Hon J. Ross Snowden
Director

May 9th 6.

Sir.

The proposition you have made in reference to the purchase of iridium is approved, that is to say the Assay office, or the Mint, or both at your option, will supply you with iridium at $2.00 per ounce you returning four times the weight in fine iridium at 50 cents per ounce.

Very Respectfully
your obt. servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Mr. John W. Gleason
Manufacturer &c
No. 23 Maiden Lane
New-York.

May 9th 6.

Sir,

The detention will be told
incidents was made, as you are
aware, from an apprehension
that it might, through fraudulent
contrivance, come back to us again
sprinkled into the gold chest.
But a proposition has been made
by Mr. Edwin W. Greason, of Jersey
City, to purchase iridium at
$220 per ounce and obtain from
him the weight of fine iridium
at 50 cents per ounce. By this
arrangement will enable us to
withdraw the most dangerous and
troublesome quality of the article
in question, from circulation with
many we had work it hence
desirable that the proposition

Thomas has acceded to. You are therefore authorized on the application of Mr [illegible] to make the arrangement as here herein stated.

I need not state that the residuum should be very carefully secured so as to prevent the possibility of its being improperly used. Its final disposition will be a subject of further consideration.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant —
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Wm P. Butterworth Esq
Supt. Assay office
New-York.

Philadelphia May 10th 1856

Treasurer Dept Navy

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th.

North side.

To 3 Hand Chisels			1 50
4 Mdgs steel ends		@	50
Dressing 4 Chisels			25
			$ 1 75

Order No 11

Form 90
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

No. of Bank ____

LIST OF REAL ESTATE LOANS

5 Date mortgage taken	6 Maturity of mortgage	7 State whether secured by improved farm or other property	8 Is property located within legal boundary

May 12th 6

Sir,

It will afford me pleasure to transmit you a copy of my last annual report when I receive the no. of copies to be printed for my use under the resolution of the Senate &c. I regret that it is not in my power to comply with your request immediately.

I am
Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Mr. M. Mergel
Ed. 2 A. Mandels Saloon
New York City

Office of the "New Yorker Handels-Zeitung."
50 Nassau St., NEW YORK. May 10 1886

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Sir.

You will confer a
great favor by sending a copy
of your annual report to this
office; - we intend to make full
extracts of the most important
parts.

Yours very respectfully.

Editor of the N. Y. Handels Zeit.
Box 4222 P.O

Waterbury May 10th 1856

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director of Mint of the United States

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th inst is received. In answer would say that I think you are mistaken in thinking that the chilled iron roll would be injured by working it with one of our steel rolls as they never come in contact when in use. Also in the amount of cost of transportation from the Mint to our place, I think you are mistaken. I would say that we will pay all expenses over five dollars on each pair of rolls from the Mint to Waterbury, or ten dollars to and from. We are very anxious to regrind a pair of your rolls and trust you will at least send us the old pair which were shown me to be reground as we are confident that we have the facilities for grinding rolls more expeditiously and perfect than any other parties in this country.

We do not wish you think that would urge you to take our steel rolls to the disadvantage of the department, but I will make one more proposition. Viz. We will send you the hardened steel rolls which we now have finished, within

five days from the time we get an order from you to that effect, and you may put them to service and pay us the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars for them, on the first of december next, if the rolls prove satisfactory. We make this proposition, as the rolls are of no particular use to us, and that we feel so confident of your satisfaction in the future

Yours very truly

James P Blake
for Blake & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
May 10th. 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Your account of Ordinary expenses for the quarter ending 31st. of March 1856, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found due the United States of $38.246.52

Balance per your account 1.080.13

Making a difference of $37.166.39

which is thus accounted for. —

Warrants on the Treasurer not yet credited

No 6219 dated April 8th 856 $36.646.39

" 6296 " " 10th " 500.— $37.146.39

Add Amount of Voucher No 69, Cert'd abstract for travelling expenses of E. N. Kent, suspended for authority of the Secretary of the Treasury 22.00

Differs as above $37.166.39

10th March 6.

Sir

I have to request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Thirty Nine thousand four hundred and seventy five dollars, payable out of the appropriation to the Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

For Salaries	$6.975
" Wages	12.500
" Incidentals	15.000
" Transportation of bullion	5.000
	$39.475

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

United States Assay Office
New York, May 10, 1856.

Sir,

Your instructions of the 9th inst., respecting the exchange of iridium with Mr. John W. Gleason of this city, is received. Before making the exchange proposed by Mr. Gleason of the iridium now in our hands, I respectfully ask your instructions on two points.

1. To what extent is our iridium to be sifted before delivery to Mr. Gleason? Mr. G. states, and with justice, that he ought not to be required to receive any iridium as fine at that which he delivers to us, otherwise his own iridium might be again returned to him.

2. What method shall be adopted for protecting the Assay Office from having sand, or other material, delivered in combination with iridium?

I have asked these questions, not be-

cases on Melters & Refiners might not readily meet the difficulties suggested, but because it is desirable that our practice should conform to yours.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Washington Nov 6

To the Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Recalling your courtesy & kindness when called upon for the blocks which were intended for Peru, I take the liberty of commending to your attention Mr Black an Engineer from Peru who is very desirous of visiting your important establishment, the first mint of the United States

I am, Sir, your most ob.t Serv.t

Rl de Osma
Peruvian Minister.

New York 13 May 1856.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

Dear Sir, Allow us to introduce to your acquaintance Senr Timoteo Gordillo of Mendoza, S. Am.a and Mr. Wm. A. Fry who accompanies him to your city.

Mr. Gordillo being an entire Stranger proceeds to your City with a view of visiting the Mint and other Public Buildings and gaining such other information as may be interesting to him —

Any attention shown to these gentlemen whom we recommend to your kind reception will be most gratefully acknowledged by us as we take a lively interest in promoting their views

& Remain Dear Sir respectfully,

Yours &c Brown

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

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Philadelphia, May 18th 1858

Received of Hon. J. Ross Snowden

One Package Medals

MARKED Samuel T. Crosby Esq 69 Washington Street

C.O.D $66.75 Boston Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY *not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc.,* UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, Please collect on delivery

Insurance, also collect freight

am't $66.75

FOR THE PROPRIETORS. J. McCaskey

Crain, Printer, 116 Chestnut St., over the Express Office.

Health, Economy and Excellence.

"KNOW FIRST AND THEN DECIDE."

WARMING, DRAUGHT and VENTILATION, a trio, mentioned by Nature, Indispensible to Life, Health and Action, and in every way replete with universal importance.

Some years of study, labor, expense and proving have been given by the subscriber to simplify and perfect his system for warming, draft and ventilation, and its introduction and use the past year, in many places, (but chiefly in Philadelphia and Boston) has met with all the approbation he could wish. The following is a brief description of his improvements, all of which are patented in the United States, and part of them in England.

A Draught and Ventilating Chimney, which, in factories, dwellings and buildings of every description, secures the following advantages;—a perfect proof against fire, self-cleaning and self-preservation, a constant, powerful, regulated draught, so that a stack 40 feet high has more draught than those usually built 100 ft. high or more; a saving in fuel, at least 1-5 part; a means of taking warmth and ventilation into and out of rooms; a saving of part of the heat that is usually lost in the atmosphere, and the construction of one flue to answer in every story of a building, for every room adjacent to it.

A Trio Ventilator, or a ventilator with three powers of action which can be made of any size, in any form, to suit the architecture of any building, and may be plain or ornamental; this secures constant ventilation for any edifice, without admitting snow or rain; it cures smokey chimneys, and is certain to give them draught.

A Ship and Car Siphon Ventilator, to throw abundance of fresh air, and destribute it in a ship or car, and draw out the foul air, without admitting any snow or rain, and but one hole to be made in the roof or deck.

And last, but not least, a Tubular Furnace, or Heater, this may be of any size, and portable or fixed; buildings with it are warmed in a superior manner; it admits no red or injurious heat, but takes the fresh atmospheric air rapid, direct and warmed into the rooms, making a house feel like a pleasant June day, and contributing largely to promote health, comfort and cheerfulness. No gas or smoke escapes, and no furnace can be safer as to fire; it is highly approved in churches; it is durable, simple, easily managed, not liable to get disordered, can be cleared without making dust, and is not clogged and obstructed by coal clinkerings; it saves in fuel, and if properly attended, (but little attention is needed) is a fuel saver.

These inventions are all simple, but effectual. Architects, artisans, builders, and all interested are respectfully requested to examine them. References good, and sufficient given. For sale by

JOSEPH LEEDS,

The Inventor, Patentee & Proprietor.

No. 22 North Ninth Street, Philadelphia.

All work connected with these improvements promptly done, and registers of every pattern supplied. Rights can be had of the patentee for all places excepting New England and Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, May 12th, 1845.

New York 5 Mo 12th 1856

Dan'l Haughton
Esteemed Friend

Thine 11th with B/L for 10 Cases Coffin Coin is rec'd — we are obliged thereby, and desire a further early Shipment, several of our Customers are in want

Respectfully
Pellet & C.

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CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

BISHOP SIMONS & Co.

SHIP AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS

No. 36 North Wharves, Philadelphia.

U S Br Mint
San Francisco

17½ c 30	$5.25
5% Primage	26
	$5.51

SHIPPED, in good Order and Condition by Chas R Hare on board the Ship called the Tigress whereof Lawrence is Master for this present Voyage, and now lying in the Port of PHILADELPHIA, and bound for SAN FRANCISCO.

One Box Mdze

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Being marked and numbered as in the Margin; to be delivered in the like good Order and Condition at the aforesaid Port of SAN FRANCISCO, (the dangers of the Seas, Fire and Collision excepted,) unto Dr Peter Lore or to Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods Five 25/100 Dolls with five per cent. Primage and Average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

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Dated at PHILADELPHIA, the 13th day of May 1856

Smith & Cox

Th

Lancaster May 13. 1836

Hon.
Daniel Haugen,
Treas.r U.S. Mint,
Sir,

Our agents,
Bache & Willets Esqs, advise of
having received from the Mint,
10 kegs Cents. & add, "we
have orders for 30 kegs. hence
20 more will be del.d as soon as
received." We should be glad
to have 30 more, so as to have
a few on hand, to meet orders.

We propose to make
an early Shipment of Blanchets,
& to continue to send them pretty
freely, as long as the demand
shall continue, receiving from
you, Cents in Payment,

Office of Cumming & Co
63 Wall St
New York 18 Nov. 1856

Hon Jas Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

You will please
send us a pamphlet containing the Mint Laws.
We asked for the same at the Treas Office, on
Mon & Tu, & they told us to apply to you, as they had
none left.
Your attention will confer a favor on
Yours truly
Cumming & Co

Philadelphia May 8th 1856

U. S. Branch Mint (San Francisco California)

Bought of G. L. Horn

	1 Large Acid Pot with Spigott	30.00
Correct	1 Packing Box	1.00
H. R. Linderman Directors Clerk		$31.00

Received Payment

G. L. Horn

May 13th. 6.

Sir:

I have received your letters both of date the 12th. inst.; that in reference to the propriety of a modification of the milling tariff of charges on deposits, I shall consider with your report upon that [illegible].

In reply to the second, which relates to the deposits of iridium in the Assay Office of your City, I have to suggest in answer to your first point, that the iridium, after having been separated by the Melter & Refiner should be sifted through a fine sieve, say of fine wire gauze, mainly to remove the dust and separated fine scales or points.

To protect your office from deliveries of imperfect admixtures with the iridium, it will only be necessary to refuse to make the date of deposit, in the opinion of the Melter & Refiner, the material offered in exchange appears more impure than it should be. By reason of the great specific gravity of iridium a small percentage of impurity will appear to be large to the eye, and other ingredients admit of being readily tested, by washing out for dust, by magnet for iron, and by nitric or by muriatic acid, or, for other metals.

I am, very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

A. [illegible] Butterworth, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office:
New York City.

To the Superintendent
of the Mint at
Philadelphia

Dear Sir. If you are desirous of purchasing a very valuable collection of gold coins I shall be pleased to recommend you to a gentleman who wants to see a collection in the Camp. His price is about 120 the pennyweight. There are no ordinary current coins among them - generally consisting of rare coins & Medals the collection of about 40 years. There are 650 pennyweight. I

have not seen the person in
Several weeks; but presume he
has been there - he will not dine
Recollection; but would allow a
rejection of a Counter number

Very Respy Yrs
P. S. Westervelt

371 Broadway
New York May 12th 56

May 11th 56

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th
inst. I take to state that the finest collection of
coins it was ever my lot to see, complete in specimens
of the gold coinage both of ancient and modern times
and there is no probable possibility of duplication to
exceed it by the purchase of a private collection.

I am
Very respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Mr. P. Westervelt
371 Broadway
New York City

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